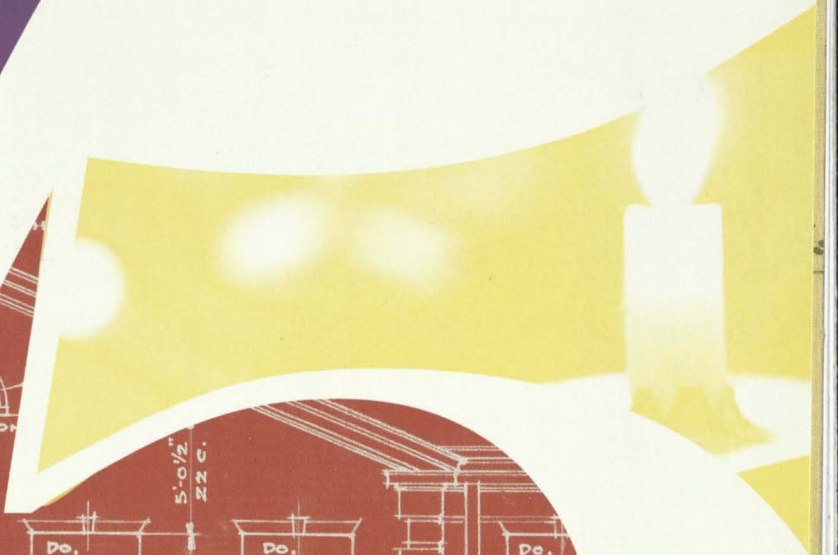
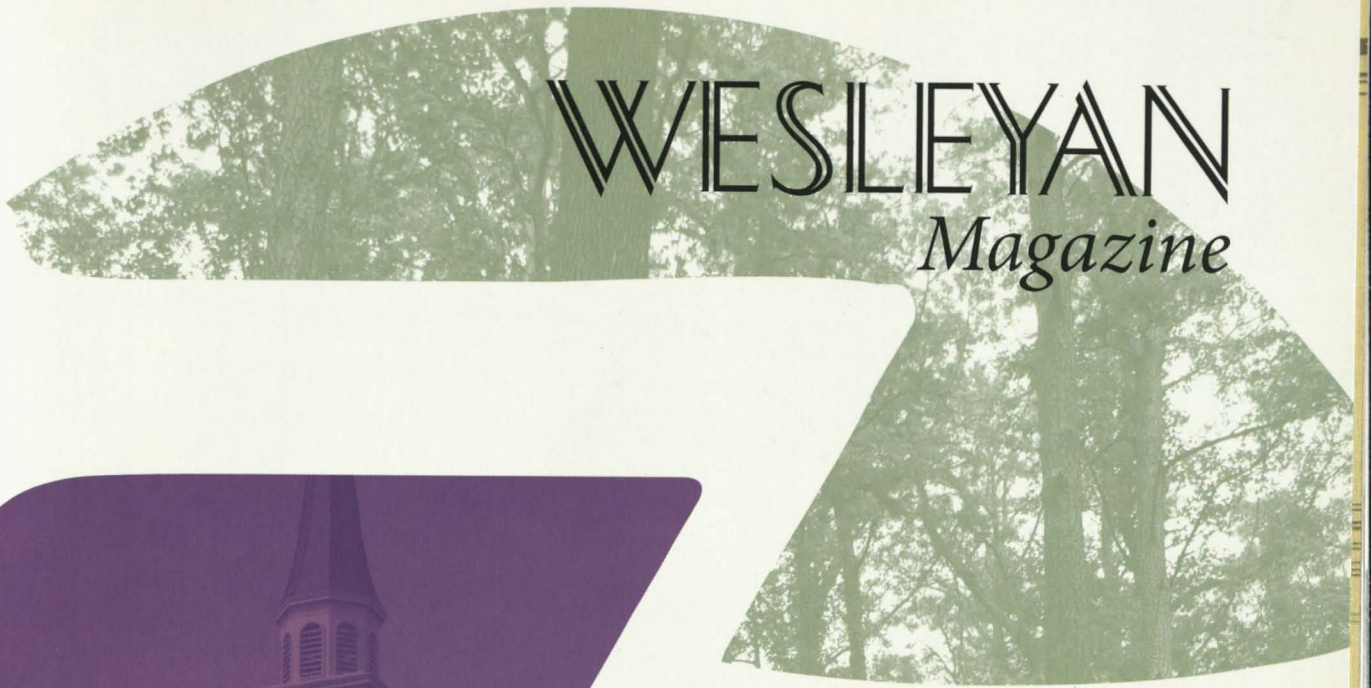


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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Summer 2011 Wesleyan Magazine, one of two issues celebrating this special 175th Anniversary year! While the official date of our founding won't arrive until December, we intend to party for an entire year and beyond – in a manner befitting the world's first college for women. That includes lively conversations with alumnae on an anniversary tour that already has taken us from New York to Miami and several places in between. We have dedicated a renovated building, too, and begun serious planning and fundraising for a new Pierce Chapel. This worship space has been in our dreams since 1928 when we moved to our current campus home, and we hope you will enjoy learning more about this exciting project on page 5.

In January, our education, business, and psychology programs moved to their new home in historic Taylor Hall. If you remember Taylor from your days here as a science student, prepare to be blown away by this amazing facility. We kept its original architectural beauty, of course, but added the latest in energy efficiency and sophisticated technology. We accomplished this renovation with LEED certification at the Gold level – meaning that we have one of the few renovated buildings in the state to be recognized for its energy and environmental design. If you haven't toured this building yet, you'll enjoy our opening feature article.

Throughout this issue, we aim to capture the excitement of our recent successes, tell you about our dreams for the future, and honor the achievements of our past. As part of our 175th Anniversary celebration, we posed one important question to all alumnae – *what's your wisdom?* The sentiments we have received are overwhelming – ranging from the profoundly insightful to the laugh-out-loud hilarious. We share this wisdom on our website and encourage you to soak up these wonderful words when you have a few moments. In the meantime, take inspiration from some of the extraordinary Wesleyan women profiled in the Pearls of Wisdom article on page 22. I am proud to stand on the shoulders of these outstanding pioneers.

I'm quite proud, too, of our newest alumnae, the Golden Hearts of 2011 – and a good bit of this issue features their achievements. For starters, this group achieved something few



other classes have by winning three straight STUNT Cup victories. But STUNT was only one way these Golden Hearts have made their mark. Over the past four years, they have volunteered at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, planned chapel services as Wesleyan Disciples, performed as Wesleyannes, worked to promote human rights both here and throughout the world, excelled as actors, singers, athletes, and scholars. One even set a national record in NCAA soccer. They have explored professions through internships and expanded their worldviews with study abroad.

They have been accepted to graduate schools that include Harvard, American University, Northwestern, Penn State, The Medical College of Georgia, Scripps Research Institute, and The University of Georgia, among others, where they will be studying chemistry, law, medicine, accounting, psychology, veterinary science, biology, and nursing. In a very tough market, some of these Golden Hearts are beginning promising careers in the business world and as teachers. They are bright, talented, and ambitious, and we can all take great pride in having them as our newest sisters. Meet several representatives of the Class of 2011 in this issue!

Honor them, as I have, with a tribute gift to Wesleyan's Annual Fund designated for the Golden Heart Classroom in the Munroe Science Center. We need \$75,000 to keep this bright space gold forever, and I'm especially challenging all fellow Golden Hearts to answer this call. As you read about STUNT, Commencement, and Alumnae Weekend, too, I hope you will get a sense of the joyful spirit that permeates the Wesleyan campus each day. These are exciting times for Wesleyan College, and I have never felt more enthusiastic than I do right now. Join me!



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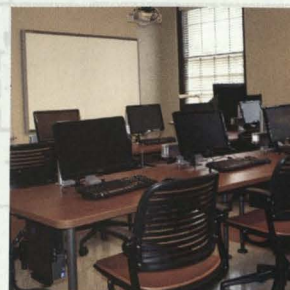
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CELEBRATING WESLEYAN'S  
175TH ANNIVERSARY  
*with the Re-opening of Taylor Hall*





This year is especially meaningful for Wesleyan as the College celebrates the 175th Anniversary of its founding as the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women. In ways that would have amazed its founders, Wesleyan has realized its mission to be a pioneer for women's education. While the College commemorates its prestigious history, preparations are also being made for the next 175 years – with great promise for future generations as Wesleyan widens its offerings in the sciences, takes leadership in environmental sustainability and service learning, and improves its facilities on campus.

Wesleyan's yearlong celebration of its 175th Anniversary officially launched with the grand re-opening of the newly renovated Taylor Hall, the former science facility. After the completion of the Munroe Science Center in 2007, attention was turned to the needs of Taylor Hall. The historic building required extensive renovation, primarily to repurpose old science laboratories and classrooms into an expansive academic space for Wesleyan's growing business, education, and psychology programs.

Taylor Hall now contains the best features of the building's original 1928 design paired with 21st century technology, mechanical systems, and furnishings. The result is a beautiful space with history, character, and charm that is also quite modern in its interior design and functionality. Modular furniture allows classrooms to be set up for lectures, small group discussions, individual study, or presentations. In fact, one classroom boasts Node chairs that both rotate and

roll making it easy to reconfigure for changing small group discussions or team planning sessions.

"One of our primary goals for Taylor Hall," said Wesleyan President Ruth Knox, "was to provide more functional and modern spaces for our Education Department so we could be even more effective in producing highly qualified teachers for both the state of Georgia and our local school systems."

Education students now enjoy space on both the first and second floors. The first floor includes two education classrooms, six faculty offices, a resource room, and a model early childhood classroom. The fieldwork supervisor's office, a science teaching laboratory, and space for the Center for Educational Renewal are located on the second floor. Each of these wings honors significant donors to the project – the Peyton Anderson Foundation and the Knox family of Thomson and Augusta.

"With our new resources in Taylor Hall and changing mandates by the U.S. Department of Education, we have learned to be strategic and inventive in order to adapt to the future," said Dr. Pat Pritchard, associate professor of education and director of the Center for Educational Renewal. "Our new major in educational studies addresses current and future educational objectives, and outdoor learning spaces in the Arboretum enhance our holistic approach to teaching and learning. Students clamor for technology and the education faculty have found that the new technology complements and augments our teaching styles."

The new early childhood model classroom is a particularly innovative and literacy-rich environment. Designed and managed by Dr. Mae Sheftall, associate professor of education, this unique college classroom is set up to represent an actual early childhood classroom with learning centers modeled throughout the room. From the alphabet and world map rugs on the floor to the kidney-shaped table for guided reading, the room mirrors an early childhood classroom in which student teachers will teach when they enter the workforce. Around the walls are separate writing, reading, research, computer, math, and science centers along with a classroom library.

"Not all classrooms are equal," according to Dr. Sheftall, "but this room gives our students an idea of how their actual classroom will be set up. So much learning is unconscious, so an authentic environment is important. Keeping this room set up all the time gives me the opportunity to do more hands-on teaching truly enhancing the way I teach."

Dr. Joni Jordan, assistant professor of education and chair of the Education Department, made similar claims about the model science lab. "More important than the space itself is how we use our space to help teachers become more comfortable, confident, and enthusiastic about teaching science."

Set up in more detail than most early childhood classroom science labs, the model science lab is used for both science and math teaching methods. Dr. Jordan uses numerous animations and visual representations to teach abstract





concepts and theories along with actual case studies online. She introduces teaching methods by showing what researchers have found to be effective and then presents online model lessons with real teachers and the real work of children. Wesleyan students then evaluate the lessons and assess the best teaching methods.

The Education Department is joined in Taylor Hall by the departments of Psychology, Physics, and Business. The Psychology Department, which continues to attract more than 10% of declared majors at the College, is located on the first floor. This wing contains a lobby that is adjacent to the office suites for psychology professors, along with several large and light-filled classrooms. This growing department also gained a clinical research space on the ground floor, complete with an interview room and student lounge area.

The research suite is fully equipped with recording equipment for research projects, classrooms and labs, a computer lab, and an observation room where research teams may observe interviews in progress. Dr. Shelly Martin, associate professor of psychology, contends that, with the specially designed research suite and labs, psychology majors are already changing their strategies for data collection, moving away from online data collection to in-person meetings, which leads to higher quality data.

The second floor area across from the Peyton Anderson Wing is the Marvin and Ruth Schuster Wing – the new home for Wesleyan's thriving Business Department, which year after year produces the highest number of majors on campus, and the Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program. The wing honors Marvin Schuster, a Wesleyan Trustee, who embodies the spirit of a true entrepreneur.

While two classrooms, a seminar room, the EMBA Conference Room along with faculty and administrative offices are designated specifically for the Business and Economics Department, the most

significant upgrade for this department is that all learning spaces are located in one easy-to-navigate area and all rooms have access to much-needed technology. Prior to its relocation to Taylor Hall, the Business Department held classes in Willet Library and in rooms throughout Tate Hall and other buildings, as available. Specifically designed, designated classrooms and seminar rooms – and the computer lab – in the same location have greatly increased the sense of community for business students and faculty.

"It's delightful to be in a bright, cheerful space with technology readily available instead of going from building to building to teach," said Dr. Kel-Ann Eyler, associate professor of accounting. "Now that we have the tools and technology we need at hand, we are better able to focus on instruction."

That sentiment is echoed throughout the department. Since business faculty access the internet during nearly every class, Taylor Hall's updated technology allows their instruction to be faster, more effective, and more on point.

"It is our goal to help our EMBA students – all professionals in various fields – to become exceptional executives," said Dr. Phil Taylor, professor of economics. "This beautiful, modern facility provides students with the savvy, executive environment that they expect and appreciate. This facility, along with our rigorous program, prepares them for high-level executive positions."

D. Abbott Turner Professor of Free Enterprise Dr. Glenna Dod Meyer concurred. "For twenty-eight years, I have enjoyed my classes and my students at Wesleyan; now I'm even more pleased that my scholars have this amazing learning environment to richly enhance their educational experience. It is assuredly one of the finest academic buildings in the country."

In total, Taylor Hall now features fourteen electronic classrooms, most of which contain Smart Boards. Specially equipped classrooms include one

particularly large computer laboratory offering fifteen computer workstations and two projectors suitable for a wide variety of presentations. Wi-Fi is available throughout the building in addition to wired network connections. Even the lights turn on and off with motion sensors, both for convenience and energy savings.

Wesleyan College received Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for the Taylor Hall renovation project. The award, from the Green Building Certification Institute, recognizes the building's energy efficiency and the sustainability of the design and building materials used in its construction. Taylor Hall is Wesleyan's first LEED-certified green building, and according to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) project directory, is the first LEED-certified project in Macon, Georgia. It is among approximately 115 other projects in Georgia to have received certification at the Gold level.

"We were determined to accomplish the Taylor Hall renovation in compliance with LEED green building standards," said President Knox. "LEED certification at any level is an ambitious goal, and particularly for a historic renovation project. Initially, we aimed for Silver certification, but once the evaluations of the building concluded, we were confident they would result in Gold certification. We're thrilled and thankful to have had so many dedicated partners guiding us through the project and the certification process. Taylor Hall now serves as a model for other environmentally sustainable construction projects in our region and on our campus."

Major design and building partners on the Taylor Hall renovation project included Dunwoody Beeland Architects (Macon GA); H2 Ecodesign (Atlanta), lead engineer; Chris R. Sheridan & Co. (Macon, GA), general contractor; NBP Engineering (Macon, GA); Partners Development (Knoxville, TN), project management; and W.T. Design (Macon, GA), landscape architect.





*pierce chapel*  
AT WESLEYAN COLLEGE

*The history of Wesleyan College begins with  
the Pierce family, and the two stories are intertwined  
from the College's earliest days to the present.*



## Chapel timeline



Lovick Pierce (1785-1879), a Methodist minister, was instrumental in the 1836 founding of the College and served on the original Board of Trustees.



George Foster Pierce (1811-1884), the son of Lovick Pierce, became the first president of Wesleyan College.



From 1838 to 1860, the chapel occupied the 2nd floor of the original Wesleyan College structure on College Street.



Ella Pierce Turner, daughter of George Foster Pierce, graduated in 1852 after founding the Adelphean Society, later Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



In 1860, a separate chapel was built on Wesleyan's downtown campus and later named Pierce Chapel after George Foster Pierce.





The original Pierce Chapel located on Wesleyan College's downtown site was the central feature of campus life, and its significance was enormous. The students' days began and ended with services there. Named after Wesleyan's first President, George Foster Pierce, the chapel reflected the close relationship between the College and the Pierce family from Wesleyan's earliest days. The common ancestor of both is Lovick Pierce (1785-1879), a Methodist minister and father to George Foster Pierce (1811-1884), who became president of the College at age twenty-six. Lovick Pierce himself was instrumental in Wesleyan's founding and served on the original Board of Trustees with his son. Indeed, one of Lovick Pierce's descendants has served on the Board – with the exception of a brief period in the 1960s – from the time his service began in 1836 through today. Lovick's great-great grandson, D. Abbott Turner, served from 1942 until 1960.

Lovick P. Corn and Elizabeth (Betty) Turner Corn, both descendants of Lovick Pierce, currently serve on the Board of Trustees; Betty as an active Trustee since 2002 and Lovick, who is now a Trustee Emeritus, since 1970. Elizabeth Ogie (the sixth generation since Lovick Pierce) is the most recent addition of the family line to join the Board, beginning her service in 2009. The family also has contributed some of the College's most notable alumnae, including Ella Pierce Turner, who graduated in 1852 after founding the Adelphean Society, later Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Sarah Turner "Weezie" Butler '41 and Betty Turner Corn '47 enjoyed distinguished careers at Wesleyan as did Sue Marie Thompson Turner, who attended Wesleyan for two years as part of the Class of 1950.

Even after the new Rivoli campus opened in 1928, Pierce Chapel continued to be a vital part of the Conservatory and was the scene of significant events for the entire College such as baccalaureate and commencement. After the destruction of Pierce Chapel by fire in 1963, Wesleyan had no chapel facility at all and is now the only Methodist-affiliated college in the state without a dedicated chapel building. The construction of the Porter Family Memorial Fine Arts Building in 1956 fulfilled the College's need for a performance center but not for a place of worship. Temporary locations for chapel services over the years include the Benson Room in the Candler Alumnae Center where weekly chapel services are now being held.

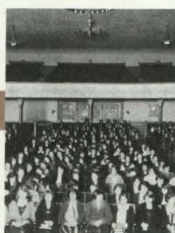
Throughout this time, however, the College has worked diligently to strengthen its ties with The United Methodist Church and to highlight its church affiliation. Wesleyan has a full-time Chaplain (Reverend William Hurdle) and is steadily building a fully endowed chaplaincy. Faith and service organizations on campus are thriving. The Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service, with its home in Jones Hall, has inspired students to grow as servant leaders. Through the Lane Center, Wesleyan students volunteer on a regular basis, providing tutoring services, for example, to nearly one hundred underprivileged children at Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, the College's signature outreach center.

The culture of service that the Lane Center has fostered on campus has found natural expression in our faith-based groups. The Wesleyan Disciples program, begun in 2005, now includes more than thirty young women and continues to

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In 1953, Wesleyan merged its Conservatory with the Rivoli campus and permanently closed the downtown site.



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The original Pierce Chapel was destroyed by fire in 1963.





attract some of the College's finest students who value the opportunity to plan chapel services, lead study groups, and engage in service on campus and throughout the community. Just last year, Wesleyan Disciples logged more than 1,500 service hours in the Macon community. They design and lead weekly chapel services that have grown exponentially in attendance in the last several years. These worship services are lively affairs, and the students put great effort into having a meaningful worship experience.

One of the College's early goals for the Wesleyan Disciples was to encourage Wesleyan women to see the ministry as a viable professional option, and faculty and staff members are thrilled with the results so far. Last fall, for example, three Disciple alumnae entered United Methodist seminaries (Duke Divinity School, Emory's Candler School of Theology, and Iliff School of Theology). In December of 2010, another Disciple completed her degree at Wesleyan and became the sixth member of the group to commit herself to full time ministry. At least two current Disciples have similar plans. Just as having a physical home for the Lane Center has enabled that program to flourish, so the College believes that a physical home for the Wesleyan Disciples will allow this program to grow and touch even more young lives. Strengthening the Disciple program and encouraging more Wesleyan graduates to become United Methodist ministers will, no doubt, strengthen the Church for years to come. With plans for the headquarters of the South Georgia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to be built on Wesleyan's campus as well, a new Chapel will be an especially important expression of the College's long-standing affiliation with The Methodist Church.

"The Rivoli campus of Wesleyan College is now eighty-two years old," said Wesleyan President Ruth Knox. "As we live out our commitment to The United Methodist Church and to the '*foundation of faith*' that is a cornerstone of the Wesleyan experience, it is long past time to have a dedicated Chapel building at Wesleyan College. Over the course of the past 175 years, the descendants of Lovick Pierce have shaped the face of Wesleyan College in ways unmatched by any other family in the College's history — as founders, first President, Trustees, student leaders, alumnae leaders, and generous benefactors. We believe that a new Pierce Chapel, this time honoring not only Wesleyan's



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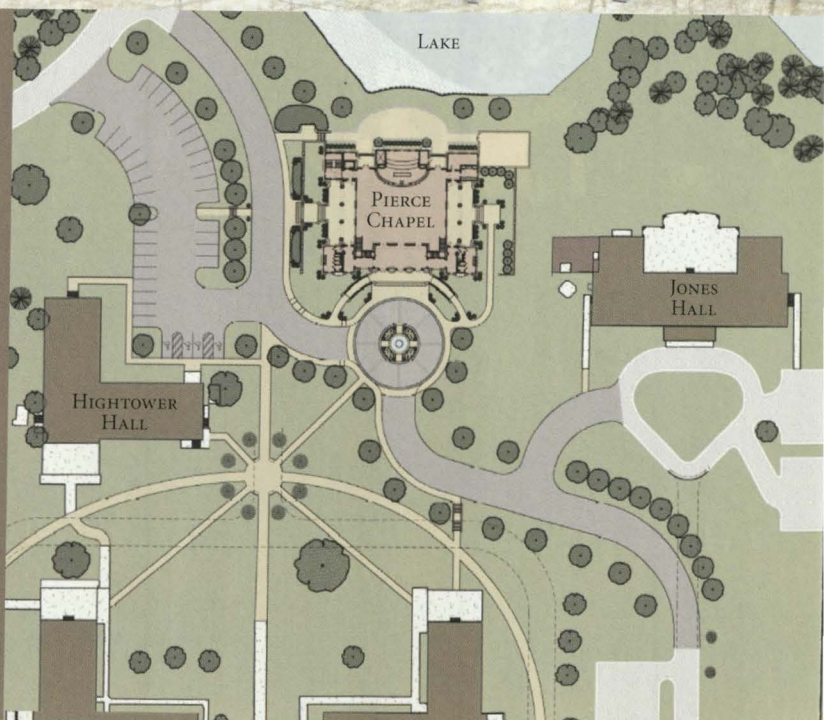
first President but also an entire family whose vision and generosity have so shaped this institution, would be the perfect way to combine history, mission, current need, and permanent tribute."

As Wesleyan celebrates its 175th Anniversary as the oldest college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women, administrators are ever mindful of the College's affiliation with The Methodist Church since Wesleyan's founding in 1836. The new Pierce Chapel will stand — for the next 175 years and beyond — as the iconic statement of that relationship, which will forever be an essential element of Wesleyan's identity.





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# THE WESLEYAN ARBORETUM

The vast campus forest protecting the College's south border is increasing in significance as Wesleyan widens its offerings in the sciences and takes leadership in environmental sustainability. Students, faculty, and staff are particularly excited about the work that is both underway and planned to develop one of Wesleyan's distinctive assets, our naturally forested arboretum, into an integral part of the learning experience for our students and the community.

**The mission of Wesleyan's Arboretum project is based on the belief that sustainability and meaningful connections to the natural world are foundational concepts on which the survival and prosperity of our society rest.**

The Wesleyan Arboretum includes the serene Foster Lake and more than one hundred acres of undeveloped woodlands. The area is a remarkable resource not only for recreation and reflection, but also for use as an outdoor learning laboratory that will promote a nature-smart curriculum. "We are truly excited about all the possibilities we see, including as an outdoor education facility and recreation resource for local teachers and school children, youth organizations, researchers, and local residents, as well as our own faculty and students," said Dr. Jim Ferrari, professor of biology and Arboretum director.

A major part of Wesleyan's plan is to renovate an existing structure tucked into the woods, Dice R. Anderson Cabin, into a more inviting space that can serve as the centerpiece for an outdoor laboratory. The Cabin will become a working classroom, research center, and laboratory for biology, environmental studies, and science education programs. Already, the construction of a pavilion has enhanced the offerings of the entire area. Wesleyan is grateful to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia and the E. J. Grassmann Trust for providing funding for these foundational projects.

Late last semester, several faculty, student, and staff volunteers began the work of clearing and grading trails. They succeeded in opening a new main corridor, complete with a new bridge across one of the many streams running through this campus forest. A more formal and welcoming entrance was constructed with a rustic kiosk that soon will feature a large trail map and be supplied with educational brochures for naturalists, hikers, and bird watchers.



The new corridor is designed for hiking and leads to Anderson Cabin where it joins two other larger trail loops. One of these major trail loops has been completely cleared and is now a beautiful place to walk and run. Designed to accommodate larger groups of runners and walkers, this wide trail has been used several times this academic year by high school and collegiate cross country teams, including Wesleyan's own, and by the American Heart Association for its annual Heart Walk.

Opening trails is, of course, key to making the Arboretum accessible and usable. Wesleyan volunteers will continue to clear existing trails and create new ones for hiking, walking, running, biking, and horseback riding. As the network of trails is expanded, Wesleyan will be removing invasive plants, like privet and jasmine, and replanting native species plants and flowers. Benches and directional signage throughout the vast system of trails will be added, also. Eradication of invasive plants throughout the Arboretum is an enormous undertaking. Trails that were completely overgrown with privet reaching twelve feet or more have been cleared in many areas, but maintaining these trails will be an ongoing process.

Once the network of trails is expanded, Wesleyan will create a small group campsite and construct a natural playground – the latter to be used specifically in the early childhood education program as we teach our teachers how to bring the wonders of nature into the learning environment for their students. The programming goals for the Arboretum are just as exciting as the capital improvement projects. The mission of Wesleyan's Arboretum project is based on the belief that sustainability and meaningful connections to the natural world are foundational concepts on which the survival and prosperity of our society rest. The College plans to develop cross-disciplinary educational programs that promote the importance of human connections to the natural world through teacher education, biology, environmental studies, art, and continuing professional education for teachers and professors.

Wesleyan will share the natural resources of the Arboretum and the instructional resources of the Outdoor Learning Laboratory with the local community, particularly with K-12 programs, Girl Scout programs, Spectacles (a Wesleyan summer math and science program for middle grade girls), and Wesleyan's KISMET (Kids In Science Mathematics Engineering and Technology) program field trips. By expanding the infrastructure of the Arboretum, Wesleyan may offer specialized programming, seminars, and conferences that will support the educational, professional development, and community service programs conducted therein.

Once fully developed, Wesleyan's Arboretum and Outdoor Learning Laboratory will enable the College to assume an important leadership role in the development of nature-smart curricula on all levels of instruction – an effort consistent with others in Georgia, including Nature Smart Schools promoted by the University of Georgia, Richard Louv (author of *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*), and the active Atlanta Coalition entitled No Child Left Inside.

"While nature-smart learning is important for all children, we realize that urban school children must be specifically considered in our work, as they have the fewest opportunities to interact with the natural environment. Study and play in the natural world are important shared experiences that should be available to all children, regardless of their geographical location," said Dr. Patrick Pritchard, alumnae chair of education and director of the Wesleyan Center for Educational Renewal.



**Wesleyan's Arboretum** was established in 1996 as an ecological study area, wildlife refuge, and recreation resource. Plans are underway to develop the 100-acre mixed pine and hardwood forest into a unique resource for environmental studies, recreation, and the teaching of a nature smart curriculum.

**Flora & Fauna.** More than 100 species of trees, shrubs and woody vines provide habitat for a diverse assortment of salamanders, snakes, lizards and mammals, plus more than 150 species of resident and migratory birds.

The five-acre Foster Lake, three streams, and seasonal rain pools are home to 9 species of turtles, 14 species of frogs, and both native and game fish.

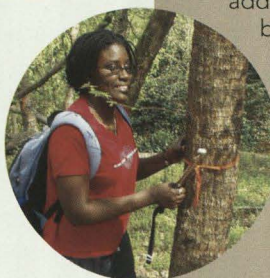
**New Entrance.** Complete with new kiosk, the Arboretum's new entrance opens to a beautiful clearing and footbridge over Beaver Creek. A new defined hiking trail leads to the Cabin, where it joins two prominent trail loops. Steps, bridges, and border markers have been added along the stretch of the new hiking trail. Because this particular trail is intended for hiking, its somewhat rugged terrain will be preserved and maintained.

**Trails Loops.** More than two miles of trails interlace the forest and provide year-round recreational opportunities. A recent survey aided in the development of maps with accurate trail locations and distances. Two large loop trails have been expanded, cleared, and graded for running and walking. Future plans include trails designed specifically for horseback riding.

**Dice R. Anderson Cabin** will be renovated to serve as the centerpiece for the outdoor laboratory. In its current rustic condition, the Cabin's use has been limited to the occasional meeting or overnight excursion. Transforming the cabin into a working classroom, research center, and laboratory for biology, environmental studies, and science education programs require a number of upgrades. Sawing lumber from trees on site, Wesleyan faculty and staff created a new pavilion that enhances the offerings of the Arboretum's central learning area.

**A Small Group Campsite** will include tent pads, running water, and a composting toilet. In addition to the small group campsite located near the front entrance of the forest, an additional back campsite along Wolf Creek is being considered.

**Natural Playground** elements will be constructed throughout the Arboretum and used specifically in our early childhood education program as we teach our teachers how to bring the wonders of nature back into the learning environment for our children.







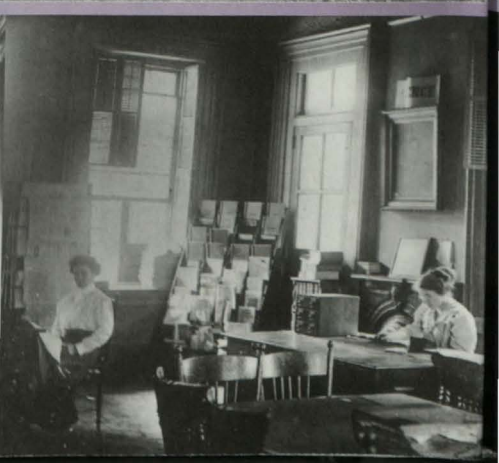
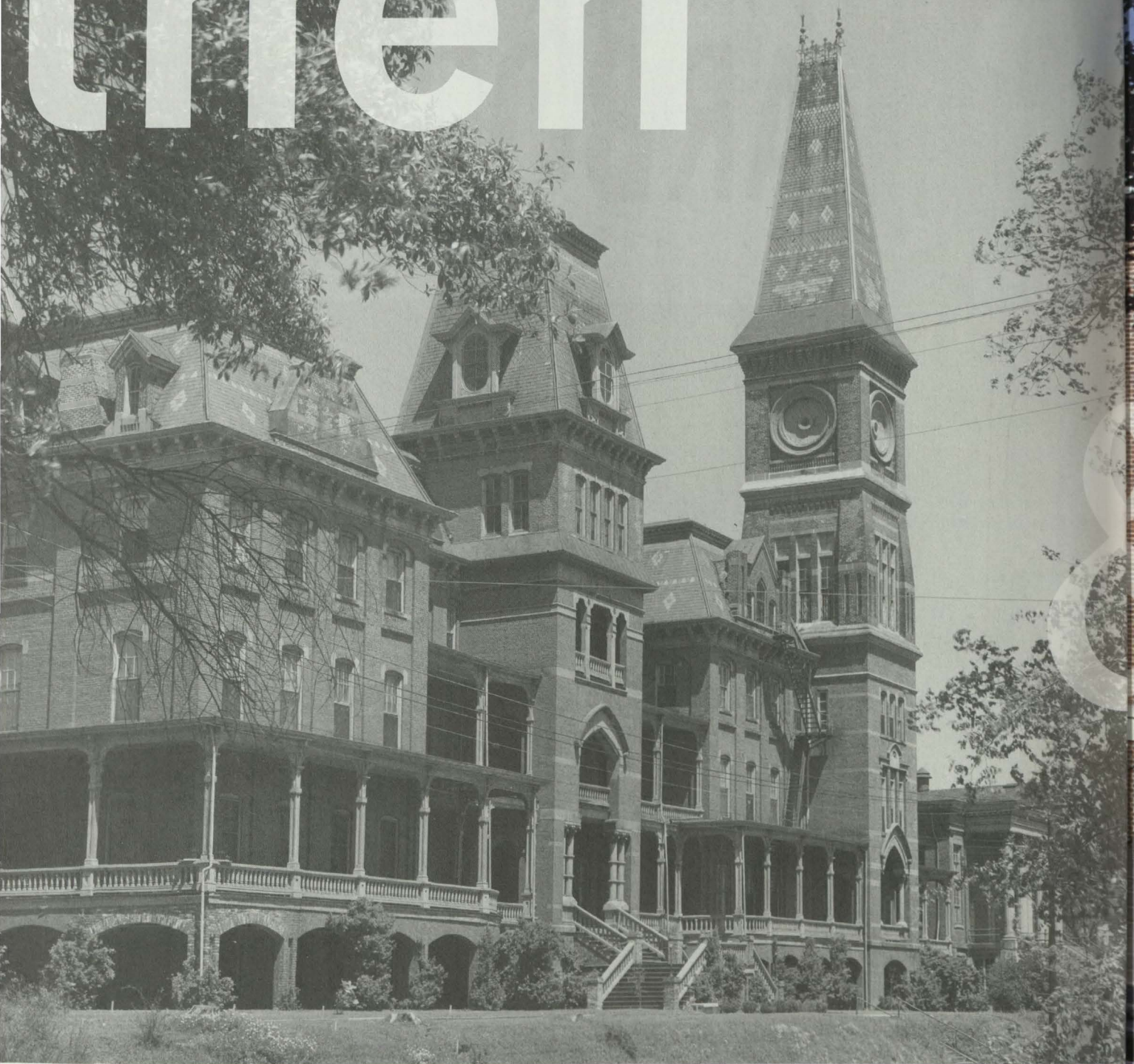
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& Outdoor Learning Laboratory

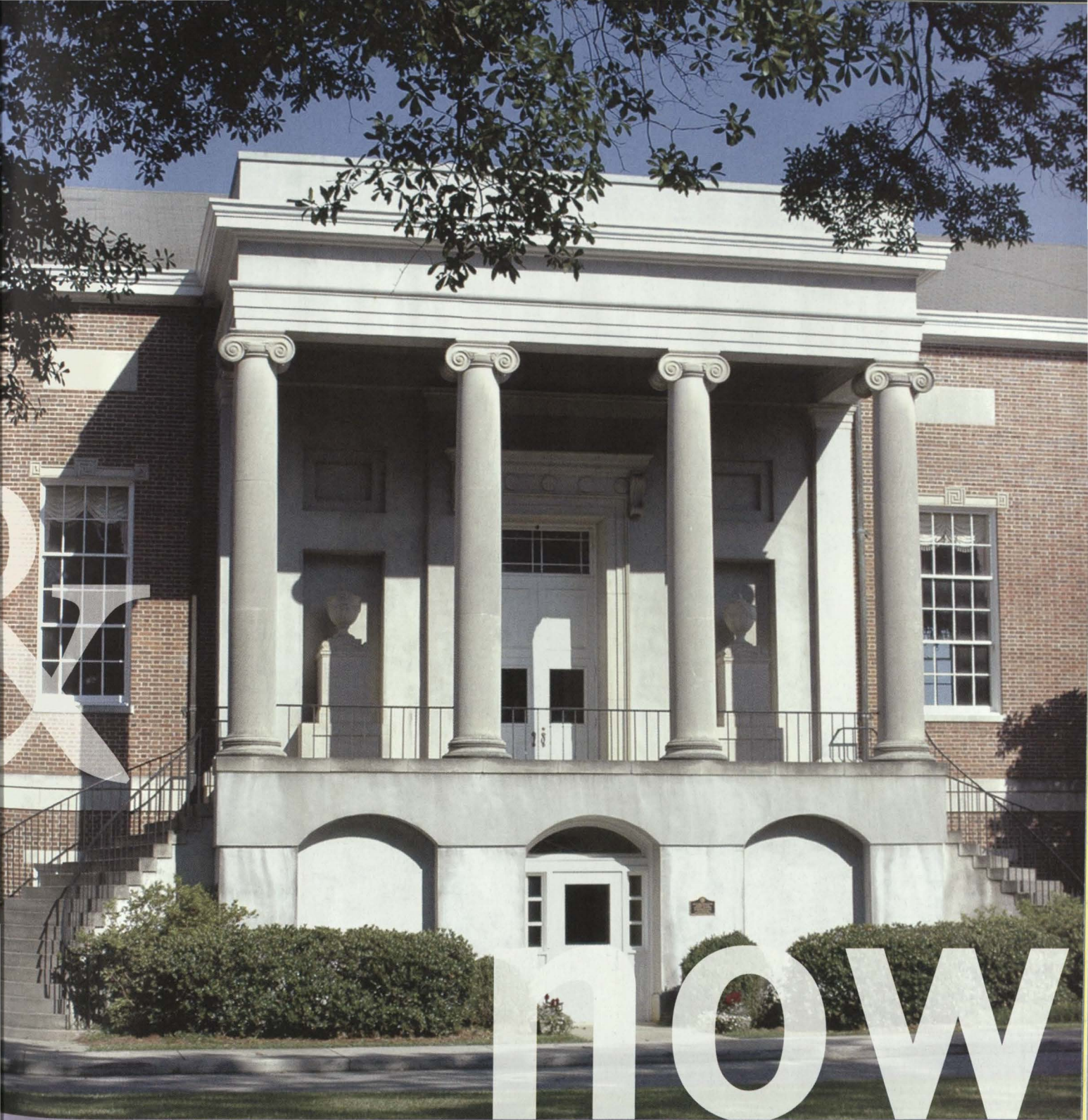




# then







When students arrived at Georgia Female College in 1836, they were welcomed by a Greek Revival style building that housed fifty-six rooms: a chapel on the second floor, a dining room, library, music room, and students' rooms on the two upper floors. The ninety new students brought their own furniture – beds, chests, wardrobes, plus linens and supplies. Water and fuel were hoisted upstairs by a pulley system. In the 1880s, the College built a new façade that included Victorian towers and a mansard roof, adding much-needed space to the campus, and installed plumbing and heating equipment. Today's students enjoy a 200-acre wooded campus that includes seventeen stately Georgian style academic, residential, and student life buildings, dining hall, athletic fields, equestrian center, fitness center, walking trails, an arboretum, and a performing arts auditorium that seats more than 1,100 people. *Archival photos courtesy of the Middle Georgia Archives. Washington Memorial Library. Macon, GA*









From the beginning, Wesleyan's curriculum encompassed liberal arts study with an emphasis on the sciences – quite progressive for the 1800s. An early course of study included natural philosophy, mental and moral philosophy, astronomy, botany, chemistry, physiology, geology, history, and ancient and modern languages. During the latter half of the 19th century, a more diverse academic catalog was introduced and included courses like word analysis, Latin, proprieties of style, analysis of sentences, trigonometry, moral philosophy, physical geography, physiology, geology, and chemico physics. In 2011, women come to Wesleyan to study everything from engineering to early childhood education to neuroscience. The College offers thirty-one majors and twenty-six minors, plus two outstanding graduate degree programs for men and women: an Executive Master of Business Administration program and a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education program. *Archival photos courtesy of the Middle Georgia Archives, Washington Memorial Library, Macon, GA*



# then







In 1840 when parents enrolled their daughters in college, it was because they appreciated the long range value of education, and for the most part, athletics for women were not a consideration. In later years, however, team building intramural sports such as tennis, basketball, soccer, swimming, and lacrosse became an attractive component when researching colleges. Today, Wesleyan students play NCAA Division III sports including soccer, softball, tennis, cross country, volleyball, and basketball. Mathews Athletic Complex includes soccer and softball fields, tennis courts, a running track, and a multipurpose athletic center that features a fieldhouse for intercollegiate sports, an aerobics area, and weight-training room. Porter Gymnasium houses a heated swimming pool, basketball/volleyball court, and a dance studio, and the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center supports a program that has claimed two national champions in hunt seat and western events in recent years.

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In 1840, a student's typical day began at sunrise when she was summoned to Chapel by the ringing of the bell. After classes, she studied until 9:00 p.m. and then, candles out! In 1851, Wesleyan was the birthplace of the first Greek society for women, the Adelphean Society (now Alpha Delta Pi). One year later, the Philomathean Society was established (now Phi Mu). Today Wesleyan boasts more than forty different clubs, student organizations, special interest groups, social organizations, and musical groups. Class pep rallies, STUNT, color rush, and homecoming are still honored traditions along with the newer Scholarship Day, Senior Leadership Institute, WOW! A Day for Macon, and many other academic and community service events. Though we look back fondly on what we've achieved, we also look forward – to changing the way women are educated in the next century.

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# Pearls of Wisdom

What we've learned since 1836...

## AS PART OF OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE'RE CELEBRATING THE WISDOM & ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY WESLEYAN WOMEN.

*We've learned some incredible things since 1836 through the accomplishments of our alumnae. Early graduates from the mid and late 1880s through the turn of the century taught us that Wesleyan women can charge forward in the pursuit of knowledge, serve God in remote areas of the world, speak up and stand tall, protect civil liberties, produce revolutionary scientific research, and encourage others in the most dynamic ways. Modern women of the 20th century continued to push boundaries, proving women can soar to great heights, sing and act in the world's most prominent venues, redefine professional gender roles, and overcome racial injustice. The celebration begins here with the following stories about some of our finest Wesleyan firsts, but it's just the beginning.*

### WOMEN CAN CHARGE

**CATHERINE ELIZABETH BREWER BENSON 1840** In the 1839 Georgia Female College catalog, twenty girls are listed in the Junior Class. Of this number, eleven graduated on the night of July 16, 1840, and were pioneers in education for women. By virtue of being alphabetically the first in line, Catherine Elizabeth Brewer was the first woman to receive her degree from the first college in the world chartered to grant degrees to women.

Almost half a century later, in her remarks to the graduating Class of 1888, Catherine Brewer Benson spoke the words that have become known as the Benson Charge, "Members of the graduating class, demands will be made upon you which were not made upon us. Your training, if you are true to it, will amply qualify you to meet those demands. No wiser blessing could I wish for you than that you may be true to every God-appointed work."

Catherine was born in Augusta, Georgia, in 1822. Her parents had moved to Georgia from Brookline, Massachusetts, and always planned to send their daughter back east for school. Then her father got word of a new school in Macon, and on opening day, Catherine was enrolled in the Georgia Female College, now Wesleyan College.

In November 1842 Catherine married Richard Benson. Her interests were largely centered on her home and family, where she reared their ten children. Living in Macon, she regularly attended meetings of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association which was organized in 1859, the first association of its kind in the world. Today, the Candler Alumnae Center (formerly the Candler Memorial Library, constructed in 1928) houses the Benson Room, named in honor of Wesleyan's first graduate. It is filled with artifacts such as early diplomas, clothing belonging to former students, and yearbooks dating back to the turn of the century.





## WOMEN CAN SERVE GOD

**LAURA ASKEW HAYGOOD 1864** Although she was nearly forty years old when asked to serve as a missionary in China, Laura Askew Haygood firmly set her sights on educating women in Asia and became the first female sent into foreign missionary work by the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. With her strong commitment to equal education for women – unheard of in China at that time – Laura taught, served, and worked in China for seventeen years until her death in 1900. After teaching for seven years at the Clopton School in Shanghai, Laura founded the McTyeire School as a home for missionaries and a Christian school for Chinese girls. According to the Shanghai Daily News, "Education was in English, teachers were foreign, and the outlook was decidedly Western." Laura Haygood taught many of China's most influential women of the early 20th century and others followed in their footsteps. Among the school's most famous alumnae are three sisters, Ai-Ling, Ching-Ling, and Mei-Ling Soong, all of whom left China for further education at Wesleyan. They were the first Chinese women to be educated in the United States.

Laura's lifelong passion for teaching began immediately after graduating from Wesleyan. In less than one year, she began her own school for girls in Atlanta, which later merged with Girls High School where she served as a teacher. In 1877, Laura became the first principal of Girls High School and was greatly beloved by her students and faculty. With a true servant's heart, Laura also organized home mission societies that provided food and shelter to the disadvantaged in Atlanta. Her work with the poor included establishing an industrial school to train people in the skills needed to hold decent jobs.

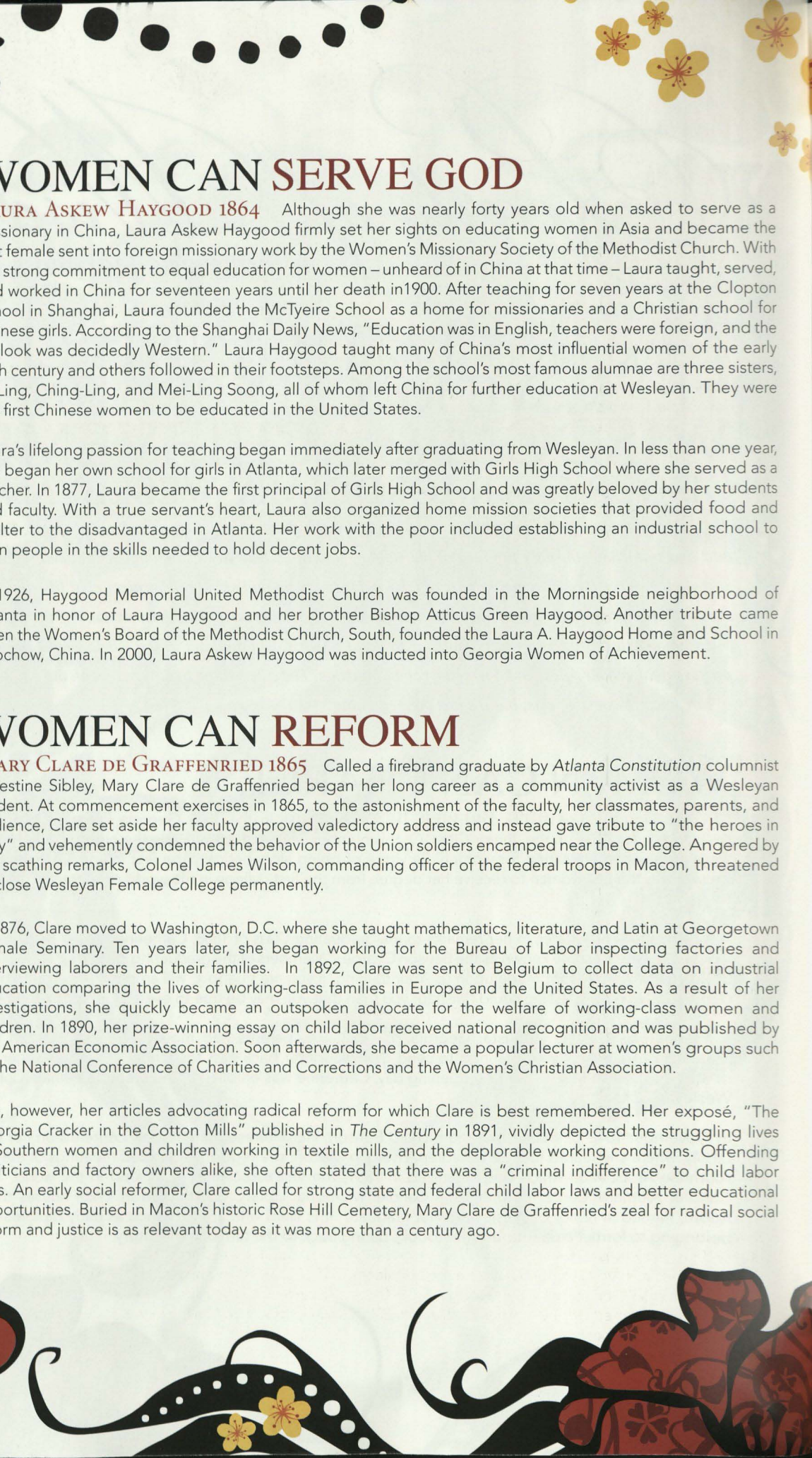
In 1926, Haygood Memorial United Methodist Church was founded in the Morningside neighborhood of Atlanta in honor of Laura Haygood and her brother Bishop Atticus Green Haygood. Another tribute came when the Women's Board of the Methodist Church, South, founded the Laura A. Haygood Home and School in Soochow, China. In 2000, Laura Askew Haygood was inducted into Georgia Women of Achievement.

## WOMEN CAN REFORM

**MARY CLARE DE GRAFFENRIED 1865** Called a firebrand graduate by *Atlanta Constitution* columnist Celestine Sibley, Mary Clare de Graffenried began her long career as a community activist as a Wesleyan student. At commencement exercises in 1865, to the astonishment of the faculty, her classmates, parents, and audience, Clare set aside her faculty approved valedictory address and instead gave tribute to "the heroes in gray" and vehemently condemned the behavior of the Union soldiers encamped near the College. Angered by her scathing remarks, Colonel James Wilson, commanding officer of the federal troops in Macon, threatened to close Wesleyan Female College permanently.

In 1876, Clare moved to Washington, D.C. where she taught mathematics, literature, and Latin at Georgetown Female Seminary. Ten years later, she began working for the Bureau of Labor inspecting factories and interviewing laborers and their families. In 1892, Clare was sent to Belgium to collect data on industrial education comparing the lives of working-class families in Europe and the United States. As a result of her investigations, she quickly became an outspoken advocate for the welfare of working-class women and children. In 1890, her prize-winning essay on child labor received national recognition and was published by the American Economic Association. Soon afterwards, she became a popular lecturer at women's groups such as the National Conference of Charities and Corrections and the Women's Christian Association.

It is, however, her articles advocating radical reform for which Clare is best remembered. Her exposé, "The Georgia Cracker in the Cotton Mills" published in *The Century* in 1891, vividly depicted the struggling lives of Southern women and children working in textile mills, and the deplorable working conditions. Offending politicians and factory owners alike, she often stated that there was a "criminal indifference" to child labor laws. An early social reformer, Clare called for strong state and federal child labor laws and better educational opportunities. Buried in Macon's historic Rose Hill Cemetery, Mary Clare de Graffenried's zeal for radical social reform and justice is as relevant today as it was more than a century ago.







## WOMEN CAN PROTECT

**VIOLA ROSS NAPIER 1901** In 1919, the conventional Southern way of life that Viola Ross Napier knew (as the wife of a dashing Macon lawyer and granddaughter of one of Macon's original founders) came to an abrupt end. The flu epidemic took her husband and father-in-law within two weeks of one another and she was left to fend for herself and her four children. She knew that the wages she had earned as a teacher after graduating from Wesleyan would not be enough to support her family, so she began studying law at Judge E. W. Maynard's night school. Studying diligently at her dining room table with a baby in her lap, she passed the bar in 1920.

Because law was considered an unsuitable career for a woman of that era, none of Macon's respectable law firms would hire Viola as an associate. With the steely determination for which she'd later be known, Viola opened her own practice and became the first female lawyer to argue before the Georgia State Court of Appeals and the State Supreme Court. She was also the first woman to win a pardon for a convicted client before the client served any of her sentence.

Following the passage of the 19th Amendment, the election of 1922 was the first in which the women of Georgia could vote. The editor of *The Macon News* urged Viola to run for the General Assembly and take advantage of women's new rights. She took the challenge, put up \$48 for campaign expenses, and won a seat – thus becoming the first woman to be sworn into the Georgia State House of Representatives.

Viola won a second term in the legislature but was defeated for a third. Her legislative career was notable for pioneering bills for children's rights. She secured adoption of laws requiring better fire protection in orphanages and children's hospitals and better education for the blind, the handicapped, and the underprivileged. Portraits of Viola now hang in Macon City Hall and in the State Capitol in Atlanta. In 1993, Viola Ross Napier was inducted into Georgia Women of Achievement.

## WOMEN CAN RESEARCH

**DR. SARA BRANHAM MATTHEWS 1907** "She killed millions of killers!" shouted an article entitled "Georgia-Born Woman Doctor Uncovers Cure for the Dread Germ of Meningitis" in the March 6, 1939, *Atlanta Constitution*. Calling Wesleyan Alumna Dr. Sara Branham a "mighty microbe hunter," the article's author explained how Sara combined a new serum she had made with a newly effective drug called sulfanilamide that had recently been found to cure other illnesses. Together her serum and sulfanilamide effectively treated bacterial meningitis. A derivative of her original serum is still used today to treat meningitis.

From early childhood, Sara Elizabeth Branham had an insatiable interest in biology, and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Wesleyan was just the beginning of a distinguished academic journey that produced life changing scientific research. In 1917, Sara accepted a teaching position at the University of Colorado. She later said, "This was the war period, and most men (were in the service) . . . I found myself teaching bacteriology in the Medical School [University of Colorado]. When the war was over, I was too deep in bacteriology to ever get out again." She earned a second Bachelor of Science degree in zoology and chemistry in 1919 and developed a consuming interest in medical research. Realizing she needed additional education to achieve her vision, she went on to earn a Master in Science, a Ph.D. in bacteriology, and a Doctor of Medicine, all with honors, from the University of Chicago.

In 1928, when Sara was forty years old, she was appointed to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, to study pathogens and investigate causes and cures for influenza. Soon she was also investigating salmonella, shigella, and diphtheria toxins and became an expert on the chemotherapy of bacterial meningitis.

Sara was a third generation Wesleyanne. Her grandmother, Elizabeth Flournoy Branham, was among the eleven first graduates of Georgia Female College in 1840, and her mother, Sarah Amanda Stone, received the College's medal in voice in 1885. Generations of nieces and cousins have since attended Wesleyan, and both of Sara's grandfathers taught at the College. In 1950, the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association honored Sara with the Distinguished Achievement Award and in 2007, Dr. Sara Branham Matthews was inducted into Georgia Women of Achievement.





## WOMEN CAN ARCHIVE

**KATHARINE PAYNE CARNES 1913** Even as a student, Katharine Payne Carnes knew she wanted to be a librarian, and six years after graduation, she became Wesleyan College's first professional librarian. Her distinguished career at her *alma mater* spanned four decades (1919-1959). Students who knew "Miss Carnes" fondly remember her helpfulness, pungent wit, "Dear Girls" letters, and her unique Christmas book parties.

Before returning to Wesleyan, Katharine received certification from the Atlanta Library School and then served four years as children's librarian at the New York Public Library. When she arrived back at Wesleyan in 1919, she found some 7,000 books and even more catalogue cards filed in shoeboxes. She installed the card catalogue system and began building a significant collection of books and archives. Over the years, many fine collections were added to the library, including the "McGregor Books." The McGregor Plan for the Encouragement of Book Collecting by American College Libraries was established by philanthropist Tracy William McGregor. The plan was designed to help smaller colleges and universities outside of New England, or away from major universities, to purchase rare American books for their libraries. The McGregor Plan was in effect from 1934 to 1943, most of which coincided with the Great Depression years, during which time many rare and valuable American books were able to be purchased at affordable prices. Today Wesleyan's priceless collection of about 114 McGregor books and sets, including many first editions hand chosen by Katharine, resides in the Georgia Room in Willet Library. It includes Thomas Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia*, Audubon's *The Quadrupeds of North America*, and John Haywood's *The Natural and Aboriginal History of Tennessee*.

In 1928, Katharine assisted renowned American architect Phillip Shutze in designing the Candler Memorial Library (now known as Candler Alumnae Center). It is said that she supervised its construction brick by brick. The building is so well designed that more than a dozen libraries have been patterned after it. In 1983, the Wesleyan Alumnae Association established the Katharine Payne Carnes Lecture Series as a living memorial to honor this woman of strength and character who, by example, inspired women to great achievements. This endowed lectureship has brought to the College speakers such as authors Jane Smiley, Ursula K. LeGuin, Ellen Gilchrist, Virginia Hamilton, Kathy Reichs, and Carmen Deedy; flutist Eugenia Zuckerman; journalist Deborah Norville; and NASA astronaut Bonnie Dunbar.

## WOMEN CAN ACT

**EUGENIA RAWLS 1934** Famed Broadway actress Eugenia Rawls described how, at the age of four and resenting the arrival of a sibling, she stood on a chair to reach the telephone and asked the operator to connect her with her grandmother in the nearby town of Dublin. She told her grandmother she would prefer to live with her, and Eugenia's family complied. Reared by her grandmother and two aunts, Eugenia's interest in acting was fostered at a young age. She was only five when she first stepped on the stage in a local production of *Madame Butterfly*.

Following high school, Eugenia studied at Wesleyan Conservatory, earning a certificate in the dramatic arts. Later, she moved to New York and started her run on Broadway with her 1934 debut in Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour*. As an understudy for the actress playing Tallulah Bankhead's daughter in *Little Foxes*, Eugenia met Miss Bankhead for the first time. "Who are you?" Bankhead demanded. "You look enough like me to be my own child." Weeks later, Eugenia was playing Alexandra to Bankhead's Regina Giddens on Broadway, after which they toured 104 American cities. Their Southern upbringings provided an instant connection for the two stars who became lifelong friends.

After Tallulah's death, Eugenia developed a one-woman tribute, *Tallulah, a Memory*. She performed the tribute at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York and at Washington's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, before developing a book based on her writings. In 1972, Miss Rawls became the first American actress to perform at the famed Abbey Theater in Dublin, Ireland. She later had a recurring role on a popular daytime drama, *As The World Turns*. A consummate actress with a heart for education, Eugenia taped her one-woman show *Women of the West* for educational television. She also recorded more than 200 talking books for the blind. In 2000, the new theatre for the performing arts center at Denver's Auraria Campus was named in her honor. The unique space is one of three of its kind in the world, and the only one in the United States. Ever mindful of the value of personal papers, Eugenia donated her collection to the Wesleyan College Archives.



## WOMEN CAN SOAR

**HAZEL JANE RAINES 1936** Wesleyan alumna Hazel Jane Raines's passion for flying landed her in the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame for her contributions in peace and in war as Georgia's Pioneer Lady of Flight. In 1938, two years after graduation from Wesleyan Conservatory, Hazel took her first solo flight and became the first woman in Georgia to be issued a commercial pilot's license, achieving an instructor's rating and qualifying as an Eastern Air Lines pilot. Hazel barnstormed with local air shows in the 1930s and was recognized as one of the South's outstanding flyers.

One of the few women in the United States chosen as an instructor for the Civilian Pilot Training Program, Hazel was flight instructor at Cochran Field and a Fort Lauderdale aviation school until 1942. Then, she was chosen as one of twenty-five American women to ferry planes with the Air Transport Auxiliary in England. These pilots flew through balloon barrages without ammunition or radio, delivering planes to factories for repair and to British Royal Air Force squadrons. Hazel Raines's wartime experiences in England included a Christmas visit with Lady Astor at her Cliveden Estate and crashing a Spitfire through the roof of an English house. Hazel had logged more flight hours than any other member of the group and spent nearly two years on overseas duty.

With the organization of Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP), Hazel returned to the States and joined the group, testing planes and towing targets until the disbanding of the WASPs in 1944. After World War II, she taught theory of flight to Brazilian student pilots, lecturing in Portuguese five hours daily. Hazel was a member of the Amelia Earhart's 99ers and a president of the WASP alumni. She received a reserve commission in the U.S. Air Force in 1949 and was called to active duty in 1950 with the Third Air Force. She died in London of a heart attack in 1956, having amassed 6,400 flying hours (in forty-four types of airplanes) during twenty years as a pilot. From 1938 to 1944, she flew Taylorcrafts, Tiger Mothers, Hurricanes, Spitfires, BT 13a, and AT 11s – a remarkable feat.

## WOMEN CAN WITNESS

**MARY LUCY CLINE HUIE 1941** Mary Lucy Cline transferred to Wesleyan from the University of Denver her junior year and immediately immersed herself in the Wesleyan experience. Building her lifelong "call to action" skills, she represented her class on Student Government and actively participated in the International Relations and Cyclomithic Clubs.

After graduating from Wesleyan, Lucy earned her master's degree in library science from Emory University and began her career in Atlanta. Eager to help with the war effort, Lucy headed to Station Hospital at Camp Gordon in 1942. There she organized a library for the patients and medical staff. Her service during World War II also included donating blood, rolling bandages for the Red Cross, and hosting for the USO.

After her marriage to Arthur Huie and a move to Jonesboro in 1947, Lucy accepted the position of County Welfare Director. Guided by a strong sense of responsibility to her community, she worked diligently to provide and improve a range of services in rural Jonesboro. She was appointed to the Library Board when Jonesboro had only a storefront library and a part-time librarian. Lucy served for ten years, six as chair, and helped establish a county bookmobile service with professional librarians and construct a new central library building.

In 1958, Georgia's public schools were under a Supreme Court order to integrate, but state officials were threatening to close the schools rather than comply. Lucy formed a local chapter of HOPE (Help our Public Education) whose purpose was to disseminate accurate information about the situation. She and her family were subjected to intimidation and threats – even cross burnings – by local citizens who resented her efforts. Despite intense pressure, Lucy never faltered and continued to work for fairness. In 1961 the state legislature reversed its position.

Lucy co-founded what has become the annual Native American Heritage Day, recognized today as a Top 20 attraction by the Southeastern Tourism Society. She also initiated and implemented a project to preserve the history of Clayton County by recording oral histories of older residents. Last year, the state of Georgia recognized Lucy Cline Huie for her service by honoring her with the esteemed Governor's Award in the Humanities.





## WOMEN CAN REIGN

**NEVA JANE LANGLEY FICKLING 1955** Neva Jane Langley Fickling enrolled at Wesleyan College in the fall of 1951 just before she was crowned Miss America in 1953. She won not only the talent competition for her performance of *Toccata* by Khatchaturian for piano but also the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. To date, Neva is the only Miss America in history to have the distinction of winning all three categories.

When she arrived at the Wesleyan Conservatory in the fall of 1951, Neva was already a gifted pianist and serious student ready to undertake an intense academic schedule, hours of required piano practice, and a host of extracurricular activities. By her junior year, she was a member of Naiads (the College's synchronized swimming team), the Music Club, YWCA, and the business staff of *Veterropt*. Taking a year off from Wesleyan to reign and travel as Miss America, Neva returned to Macon and earned her Bachelor of Music degree (*cum laude*) in 1955, only a few months after marrying William A. Fickling, Jr.

Through the years, Neva has performed in numerous musical programs here and abroad. She has served on the boards of the Atlanta Symphony, the Macon Symphony, and the National Symphony in Washington, D.C. She served on the Georgia Council for the Arts and Humanities, which is a gubernatorial appointment. In 1979, the Governor appointed her to a three year term as the *first* chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Georgia Clean and Beautiful. She later served on the national board of Keep America Beautiful, which honored her for her achievements by presenting her its highest praise, the Lady Bird Johnson Award. Neva has served on the boards of the Georgia Trust for Historical Preservation, the Hay House, the Macon Heritage Foundation, the Cherry Blossom Festival, and the Grand Opera House.

In 1984, Wesleyan honored Neva with an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts degree.\* Neva continues to serve as a member of the fine arts advisory committee and an emerita trustee on Wesleyan College's Board of Trustees. The Neva Langley Fickling Recital Hall at Mercer University was dedicated in her honor in 2003.

\* This year, Mercer University presented Neva with an honorary humanities doctorate.


## WOMEN CAN TEACH

**LUCRETIA OCTAVIA TRIPP 1980** Whether escorting a group of students to Tanzania or promoting awareness of women's roles in the space program, Dr. Octavia Tripp takes her students beyond the traditional classroom, encouraging them to reach for the stars. As associate professor in Elementary Education, Curriculum, and Teaching at Auburn University since 2002, Octavia is committed to helping her students understand the importance of using hands-on and minds-on activities to foster a love of learning for elementary level students. Effective teachers, she says, encourage students to problem solve, think critically, and promote inquiry and discovery

For eleven years, Octavia served on a team of aerospace education specialists and as a program coordinator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Urban and Rural Community Enrichment Program in middle grades education. Although headquartered in Washington, D.C., Octavia has traveled throughout the United States to acquaint numerous education and civic communities with the role of NASA in the exploration of air and space. She is the co-author of the book *African American Astronauts* and numerous education articles.

A native of Macon, Octavia received her Bachelor of Science degree in middle grades education from Wesleyan and earned both her Master of Science and Doctorate in Education Studies in natural and applied sciences, with a concentration in aviation and space science, from Oklahoma State University. Prior to joining NASA, she taught science and reading in middle school classrooms and then moved on to higher education teaching at Howard University and Bowie State University.

Octavia has received many honors and awards for her passion, expertise, and leadership in science education. Among them, Outstanding Science Educator by the Board of Education, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands; Outstanding Teacher in Science Award in Puerto Rico; Sun Belt Writing Project Teacher; and one of the top 50 minority women in science by the national Technical Association. She has recently conducted presentations and talks in Belgium, China, Japan, and Greece. This summer, Octavia will travel to Cape Town, South Africa, to present a paper at the 11th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations.






## WOMEN CAN NEGOTIATE



**GEOVETTE ELISE WASHINGTON 1989** Immediately after Geovette Washington earned her Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law, her inquisitive mind, academic prowess, and desire to serve her country led her to the center of the nation's political scene – Washington, D.C. – where her passion for service, law, and government flourished. She first served as law clerk to a U.S. District Court Senior Judge, and then as Special Assistant to the Assistant Attorney General and Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice. She joined the Washington, D.C. office of Baach Robinson & Lewis PLLC and began practicing civil and commercial litigation with an emphasis on complex insurance coverage cases and the representation of professionals. Lauded for her remarkable negotiation skills, Geovette successfully resolved most of these disputes for her clients without resorting to litigation. For six years, she represented the London Insurance Market in numerous complex coverage disputes with major industrial concerns. In 2000, she became a partner with the law firm and also served on the team of lawyers who represented former Vice President Gore in the litigation concerning the Florida vote count in that year's presidential election.

Last year, Geovette was appointed by the Obama Administration as Deputy General Counsel, United States Department of Commerce, the second ranking officer in the Office of the General Counsel. In her new position, she assists General Counsel Cameron Kerry in his role as the department's chief legal officer and legal advisor to the Secretary, Secretarial Officers and other officials of the department. Geovette plays a key role in managing over 325 lawyers, located in fourteen offices who provide legal advice to all components of the department.



A consummate leader, Geovette is a member of the District of Columbia and Georgia Bars, serves on the Board of Trustees for the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia and the Board of Directors for the William E. Doar, Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts. As a member of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees, Geovette serves on the Committee on Trustees and the Committee on Student Affairs.




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# 5 faces of 2011

Of the 2011 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 31% earned double majors and 13% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2011 were: biology, business administration, psychology, economics, and early childhood education. Roughly 40% of the graduates had secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement. All but two who applied to graduate school programs were accepted, according to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors, and approximately 70% of those were accepted into their first choice program. An estimated 23% of the graduating class will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study including social work, chemistry, law, psychology, mental health counseling, archival studies, molecular biology, accounting, nursing, theatre, finance, and business. They're heading off to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the world. Biology and Chemistry double major Charisma Enam was accepted to eight top graduate schools and chose Northwestern for her Ph.D. program. Chelsea Depew will be studying mixed animal medicine at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, and Supriya Shrestha is headed to Harvard to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemistry.

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Some double major combinations of 2011 graduates include: philosophy and political science, international relations and theater, computer information systems and Spanish, studio art and English. The 2011 graduates moving directly into the workforce will pursue professions in a wide variety of fields including education, public relations, finance, insurance, business, and theater. One will work with the national Coalition for the Homeless through AmeriCorps, another as a middle school science teacher in Bibb County, and another as a public relations specialist at Text 100 in New York.

A few of this year's graduates will delay graduate school and work to pursue internships and summer research programs at places like PricewaterhouseCoopers and Lexington Children's Theatre. Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet five faces representing the Class of 2011...



A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing an orange collared shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

# ChenSHENG

ANYANG, HENAN, CHINA

Majoring in international relations and economics, Chen chose Wesleyan primarily because of the Soong sisters' legacy – the first Chinese women educated in the United States. Thankful for her International Student Scholarship and a 4.0 GPA, she's now heading to law school on a full-tuition scholarship at the University of Illinois to pursue a legal career enabling her to advocate justice on behalf of the marginalized and powerless in our society. "My internship last summer with OASIS USA, an anti-human trafficking organization in Los Angeles, California, convinced me that social justice is paramount."

"College life has been a great adventure to me—it is a mixture of laughter and tears, success and failure, ups and downs." Her accomplishments are many. Several times

a President's Scholar, Chen also served as a Junior Marshal, resident advisor, and tutor. Chen participated in the Pioneer Leadership Program and worked in the Study Abroad Office. She also volunteered with Big Brother Big Sister as well as with the Red Cross chapter in Macon.

A world traveler, Chen participated in Wesleyan's academic summer exchange program in Seoul, South Korea, at Sookmyung Women's University. She interned with PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in Manila, the Philippines, and she traveled to the Bahamas for the Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference in April. She also presented her research entitled *Compatibility between Confucianism and Democracy* at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council Annual Meeting, attended Georgia

Student Leadership Forum, and participated in the Poverty and Prosperity Summer Seminar sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies. In 2009, Chen was selected as a Sutherland Scholar to attend the PLEN (Public Leadership Education Network) Women, Law and Public Policy Seminar. This spring, she received the Award for Academic Excellence in International Relations.

In 2010, Chen was awarded First Prize in the student division of the Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships Essay Contest. She also received Wesleyan's Beckelheimer Essay Award. Moreover, her research on intercultural communication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was published by the *Undergraduate Research Journal for the Human Sciences* (Volume 10, 2011).





# ElizaCATO

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

A versatile and gifted student, Eliza Cato majored in human services and minored in women's studies and studio art. In the next few years, she plans to pursue master's degrees in international development and women's studies. "I have a deep interest in feminist theory, primarily ecofeminism, women's rights, reproductive rights, and working towards a more egalitarian economic structure. My long-term goal is to use these skills and interests in an international career dedicated to equality and social justice."

At Wesleyan, Eliza received several scholarships, including the Presidential, Leadership, Annette Gardner Taylor, Lettie Pate Whitehead, Wesleyan Disciples, and Anne Hoyt Jolley Scholarships. She was awarded first place in the Sustainable Ecofriendly Environmental Science Competition and the Award for Academic

Excellence in Human Services. She was a member of Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society and a participant in Student Art Shows. She also interned at Centenary United Methodist Church and Faces of Homelessness Speakers Bureau.

Eliza's life is filled with international mission experiences and making a difference every day. Shortly after high school, she worked at a Sudanese refugee camp outside Lausanne, Switzerland, coordinating a weekly day camp for children, and in Paris working with children in a low-income neighborhood. Later in Japan, she tutored university students and helped establish an English school and its curriculum. She also tutored orphans in English and math. For nine months in Townsville, Australia, Eliza worked for a non-profit in their communications department and kitchen while also participating in Youth

Street, a mentorship program for at risk youth. She decided then to attend Wesleyan to better equip herself for a career in international service. It didn't end her mission journeys, however. She spent the summer before her sophomore year in Chennai, India, working with a medical team treating people with leprosy.

"Having been confronted with extreme poverty, social oppression, and human suffering, I had to learn how to transform overwhelming despair into inner strength, determination, and the ability to focus on solutions to bring about positive change. I want to redesign inefficient social and economic structures that cultivate oppression and domination and empower subjugated women to seek their visions."



A portrait of Dibya RAWAL, a young woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a green, short-sleeved, off-the-shoulder top and a long, thin gold chain necklace with a heart-shaped pendant. The background is a warm, textured brown.

# DibyaRAWAL

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

A Wesleyan Woman knows that her opportunities are boundless, especially when driven by noble thoughts of love and charity.

This business administration and economics major and finance minor earned a 3.79 GPA. "My four years in college have been an amazing balance of extracurricular activities, academic excellence, and practical training – all that a liberal arts education at Wesleyan College aspires to give every student. My interest in education does not end at Wesleyan. I yearn for lifelong learning and laughter. Now I'm ready to pursue my next goal – a Ph.D. in finance."

While a Wesleyan student, Dibya received the prestigious Trustee Scholarship making the President's List almost every semester. She was the recipient of the Nora Kay Appling King Scholarship and the GEICO Achievement Award in 2010. She has served as a resident advisor, Junior Marshal, vice president of Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity, and public relations officer for Wesleyan's chapter of Amnesty International USA.

A volunteer with Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table and the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault in Atlanta, Dibya desires to make a significant difference in society. Promoting human rights, she participated with the Wesleyan Chapter for Amnesty International USA's Write for Rights 2009 Global Write-a-thon resulting in more than 200 petition letters to government officials requesting the release of prisoners of conscience.

Dibya's internships have affirmed her career choice. Spring semester 2009, she interned with Macon's American Pride Bank. That summer she worked with Dr. Phil Taylor, professor of economics, to research national responses (focusing on India, Russia, and South Korea) to the global financial crisis. In 2010, she returned to her hometown in Nepal to intern in the Micro Credit Unit of the Nepal Arab Bank Ltd.

This spring, she participated in Wesleyan's Atlanta Semester as a fulltime intern at Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Working with a team of investment bankers in public finance, she produced spreadsheets, debt maps, and used proprietary software to structure new money and refunding municipal bond issues. She conducted industry research and analysis through resources such as Bloomberg, financial statements, and other online databases gaining intricate knowledge of analytical tools such as Bloomberg. As Dr. Taylor points out, "Dibya is a 'glocal' thinker; she is completely comfortable relating global trends to local needs."



# Sarah HUDSON

DECATUR, GEORGIA

With a double major in political science and women's studies, this amazingly well-rounded young woman graduated with a 3.79 GPA. After graduation, Sarah is heading to New York where she'll work for Text100, a global technology public relations firm with clients that include CNN, Facebook, MTV, Xerox, IBM, Skype, and the Food Network. With interests ranging from theatre and the arts to technology and communications, Sarah hopes to pursue a career in public relations with a concentration on consumer marketing.

While at Wesleyan, Sarah received the prestigious Mary Knox McNeill Scholarship and participated actively in the Wesleyan Disciples. As service chair for the Wesleyan Disciples, Sarah planned and coordinated all service projects for the group. Also, she volunteered throughout the community,

including service at Centenary United Methodist Church, The Methodist Home for Children and Youth, Magnolia Manor, John Wesley Villas, The Georgia Children's Museum, and Habitat for Humanity.

A member of the Senior Leadership Institute, Sarah was selected to join eleven other rising seniors in Boston for a week of immersion in women's leadership. Named to Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities, she stayed on the Dean's List every semester and was a President's Scholar twice. She won the award for academic excellence in political science in April and was the recipient of the Top Paper Award at the 2011 Women's Studies Symposium in March for her paper entitled "I'll Make a Man Out of You: Deconstructing Gender in Disney's *Mulan*."

She starred in Wesleyan's theatre productions of *The Bald Soprano*, *Does This Woman Have a Name?* and *The Blueberry Hill Accord*. She also participated in all three of the Golden Hearts of 2011's winning STUNT performances.

Sarah's internships helped launch her PR career at Text100 in New York. Among those internships, she served three years as program coordinator for The Georgia Children's Museum and summer 2010 as consumer practices intern at GolinHarris in New York. The last semester of her senior year, Sarah interned with New York's Cloud12PR where she served top travel, technology, and business clients, assisted in launching Yuupon.com, compiled media lists for various projects, and provided daily newsworthy reports to the team, tracking stories relevant to their clients' work.





# Lisa OHMAN

ALINGSAS, SWEDEN & ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Equipped with a double major in biology and chemistry plus minors in economics and finance, Lisa plans to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a physician. First, however, she will work in a research laboratory and shadow several experienced doctors to gain a broader perspective on the field of medicine.

"Prior to attending Wesleyan, I intended to make practicing medicine in a small clinic my life's work. My Golden Heart class is the first to study science all four years in the new Munroe Science Center and my experience in these research labs has opened my eyes to another realm of science – medical research. For me, perusing scientific literature in search of the pieces of the puzzle and an appreciation for the big picture taught me not only a great deal about science but also how to access resources to learn independently."

A Munroe Scholar with a 3.84 GPA and a member of Mortar Board, Lisa's dedication to academic excellence is without question. In April, she presented her research (in the area of cellular patterns of estrogen receptors in human cervical and vaginal cell lines) to the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society at their regional meeting in Huntsville, Alabama.

Lisa also is well respected for her leadership with several organizations on campus including the Wesleyan Disciples and Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, for which she served as president. Recognizing her active involvement in community service and ability to lead others in service efforts, Lisa was awarded the prestigious Louise Frederick Hays Scholarship. During the past four years, she co-chaired Relay for Life, assisted with a Habitat for Humanity build, served as a

WAVE member, and participated in many community service projects including WOW! A Day for Macon.

Upon reflection, Lisa said that perhaps her most beneficial gain at Wesleyan has been heightened confidence and comfort with public speaking. "In high school I lost sleep at the prospect of having to present in front of my peers," she said. "Now, after the abundant public speaking exercises integrated into my classes at Wesleyan and the encouragement of my professors, I am more confident plus I am able to articulate ideas more clearly and think more rapidly on my feet." Eager to tackle the next step in her career Lisa feels well prepared academically and more adept in her communication skills.





# STUNT.11

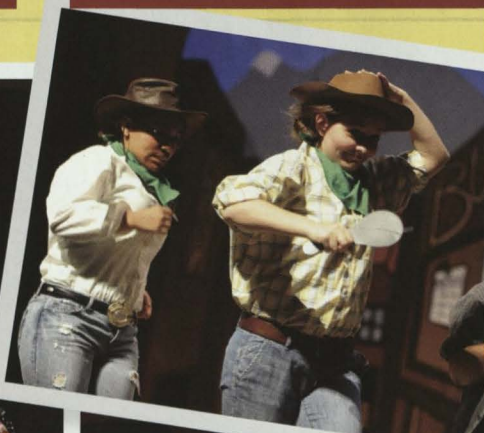
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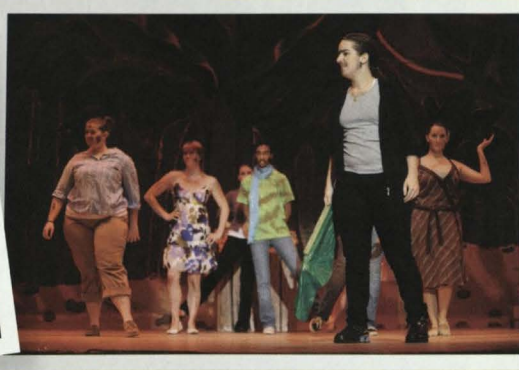
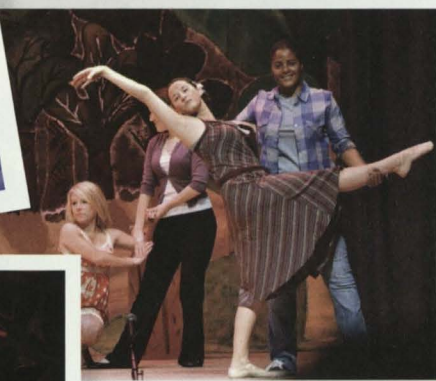
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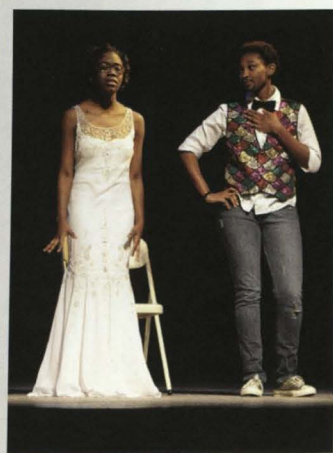


From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college for women. 2011 marked the 115th year of STUNT, the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The four classes wrote, directed, performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT cup. The Golden Hearts won for an impressive third consecutive year. They also won the 2011 Spirit Cup, for the second time in four years. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships. (Photos by Jason Vorhees.)

## PIRATES



## PURPLE KNIGHTS







Wesleyan's graduating seniors anxiously awaited the call to action and inspiration of commencement speaker Janice Mays, Democratic Chief Counsel and Chief Tax Counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee. A member of Wesleyan's Class of 1973, Mays said, "Wesleyan is a shared experience for all of us. It does not matter when we attended. We share an excellent education, common traditions, and lifelong friendships as did our predecessors and as will the many women who follow us."

In an article for *The Washington Post*, Mary Ann Akers called Mays "the most powerful woman in Congress you've never heard of...a genuine legend on Capitol Hill." Janice Mays joined the House Ways and Means Committee staff in 1975, the same year she graduated from law school. Initially, she was one of three tax counsels for the body and, throughout several presidential administrations, she has assumed greater responsibility on the committee. Today, Mays assists Democratic members with their legislative efforts related to those issues within the jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee – including tax, trade, Social Security, Medicare, welfare,

and unemployment compensation. Janice Mays has been instrumental in passing every major tax bill during her 36-year tenure on Capitol Hill and is widely recognized as a leading tax policy expert.

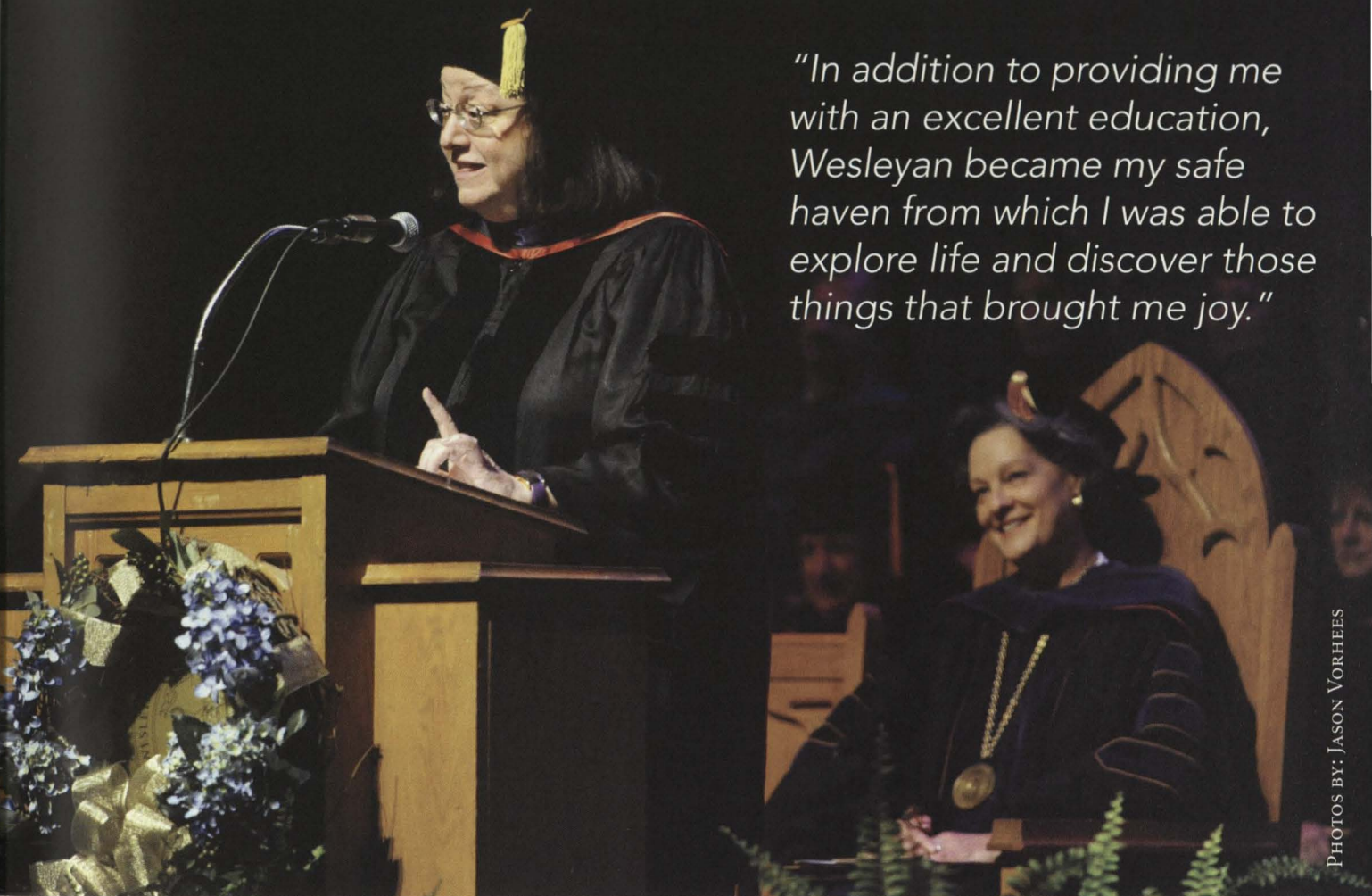
Mays earned a bachelor's degree (graduating *cum laude*) from Wesleyan College in 1973, where she was the only student at the time to major in political science. She went on to earn a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1975, and in 1981, she earned a Master of Law in Taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center. While at Wesleyan, she engaged in a three-month stint in the State Capitol as a legislative intern which led to a lifelong passion for service to others. She began law school planning to work in legal services for the underprivileged, but ended up in public service with the legislative branch of our nation's government.

"I am amazed to look back on my life at those seemingly random but fateful events that led me in unexpected directions," she said. "Like many, at first I didn't plan to stay in Washington long. Today I am

happy that I never left. I was fortunate to find my purpose in life, and that is to help make government work best for all of us."

The Committee on Ways and Means is the oldest committee of the United States Congress, and is the chief tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives. The Committee derives a large share of its jurisdiction from Article I, Section VII of the U.S. Constitution that declares, "All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives." The committee exercises jurisdiction over revenue and related issues such as tariffs, reciprocal trade agreements, and the bonded debt of the United States. Revenue-related aspects of the Social Security system, Medicare, and social services programs have come within Ways and Means' purview in the 20th century. The roster of committee members who have gone on to serve in higher office is impressive. Eight Presidents and eight Vice Presidents have served on Ways and Means, as have twenty-one Speakers of the House of Representatives, and four Justices of the Supreme Court.





PHOTOS BY: JASON VORHEES

*"In addition to providing me with an excellent education, Wesleyan became my safe haven from which I was able to explore life and discover those things that brought me joy."*

In a letter sent to Wesleyan in support of Mays' nomination for the Alumnae Association's 1998 Distinguished Achievement in a Profession Award (with which she was honored), Michael B. Thornton, serving at the time as deputy tax legislative counsel for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, wrote that by virtue of her legal expertise, political savvy, and disarming Southern charm, Janice had a profound influence (for the better) on all tax legislation considered by the Congress, as well as on much other legislation that directly affects the daily lives of millions of Americans — including social security, welfare, and international trade.

"I have witnessed first-hand the enormous confidence bestowed on Janice by members of Congress, Cabinet members and top presidential advisers," he wrote. "It is probably not overstating the case to say that in Washington, one would not think to pursue any sort of tax legislation without consulting with Janice Mays."

Mays' life-long dedication to public service fueled a powerful address on the critical importance of servant leadership.

She stressed that government is only as good as its people require it to be and is always better when its citizens challenge it to serve them. "There is no time in our history," she said, "in which an educated and engaged citizenry has been needed more than it is now. As today's graduates, you are fortunate in the gifts you have — you are intelligent, you have received an excellent education at Wesleyan, and you have the support of your family and friends. But, with great gifts come great expectations."

Allowing that challenges can be wonderful and bring out our greatness, Janice told the graduates that our nation's current challenges cry out for a new generation of women to offer new ideas and new energy to surmount the significant hurdles we face as a country. "You are leaving this beautiful campus and the opportunities it has given you at a time of great challenge. Our economy is still struggling to recover, our nation is facing tough problems, and government workers from my Baby Boom generation are preparing to retire in droves." Mays then urged the graduates to "ignore the voices that are telling you

what you ought to do. You cannot live anyone's life but your own. Listen to and trust your heart — follow the passion side of your heart and listen to its voice above all others when making the choices ahead."

While an undergraduate student at Wesleyan College, Janice Mays served on Mortarboard, was chairman of Honor Court, and editor of the campus newspaper *Times & Challenge*. She was a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, Pi Delta Epsilon, and Kappa Delta Epsilon. Mays received the Katherine Rogers Scholarship, STUNT Scholarship, *Times and Challenge* Communications Award, and served as vice president and judicial secretary of the Student Government Association. In 2004, the University of Georgia Law School Association awarded Mays with the inaugural Alumni Distinguished Public Service Award. During the 2011 Commencement, Wesleyan honored Mays with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.





## Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning

In continuation of its commitment to support the diverse needs of our community, the College is launching a new non-credit adult learning program in September. Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning (WALL) provides an exciting range of educational and social interactions for mature learners in central Georgia. Men and women who are interested in intellectual stimulation, personal growth, and networking opportunities can choose from a wide variety of courses designed to expose adult learners to new ideas and activities in a relaxed and congenial setting, without concern for tests or grades.

"For many years we have considered ways to provide non-credit, continuing education opportunities to the Middle Georgia community, extending to adults the benefits of our talented faculty and engaged learning community. WALL provides that opportunity, through a partnership between Wesleyan College and community leaders," said Vivia Fowler, WALL board member and Wesleyan's dean of the College and vice president for academic affairs.

When WALL Board Member and instructor Vince Coughlin and wife Connie began looking for a continuing care retirement community they visited Carlyle Place in Macon. The Coughlins were relocating from Aiken, South Carolina, where Vince had been involved with the adult learning program at The University of South Carolina. "One of our objectives was to move to a community with a college that either had an established academy or was open to the possibility of starting one," Vince said.

Discovering that Wesleyan had an interest in such a program, the Coughlins made the move to Macon and Carlyle Place. "I met with Vivia Fowler and Rick Maier in August of 2010," Vince said. "Plans progressed quickly and on January 24, 2011, an interim board of directors was named that included Wesleyan staff and community members. The current board will serve until the Academy members elect a new Board in 2012."

The lifelong learning movement is growing at an exceptional pace nationwide, and the maturing of the baby boom generation will further accelerate the trend. Roughly 13 percent of America's population is sixty-five and older and entering retirement years. The US Census Bureau estimates that approximately 77 percent of people in this age range completed high school or higher education, and 20 percent earned a bachelor's degree or higher. Regardless of prior educational experience, WALL has something for everyone with natural curiosity and a willingness to learn.

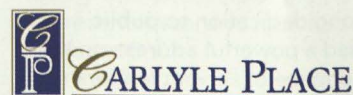
Tom Rockenbach, executive director at Carlyle Place said, "Carlyle Place has been excited from the day we first learned of the Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning. We are strong advocates of lifelong learning for senior adults and realize WALL will be of great value to the community. We know that our residents will be enriched by participating in such opportunities." In May, Carlyle Place officially pledged its support as a sponsor of the Academy.

Most sessions will be held in classrooms on the Wesleyan campus. The instructors

comprise an impressive list of Wesleyan College faculty as well as experts from the community at large. Fall semester offers twelve courses ranging in subject matters from Decoding DNA, to Beginning Bird Watching, to The Supreme Court and the Constitution, to Decorating for the Holidays. Spring semester will offer fifteen courses including Astronomy, Creative Writing, Technology for Seniors, and Introduction to Opera.

Charter Members will be allowed the unique opportunity to join WALL for a full year at a discounted tuition of only \$125 for both semesters with no limit to the number of classes taken. Charter Members will continue to receive a discount on the annual membership year after year, even if tuition increases. Participants also have the option to join WALL by semester for \$75 dollars per semester. All participants enjoy special privileges and discounts at the Campus Bookstore, Anderson Dining Hall, Willet Library, and Mathews Fitness Center.

Interested adults are invited to participate in the WALL Open House from 3-5 pm, August 1, in Burden Parlor. Course descriptions, instructor biographies and registration forms will be available. For more information, visit the Community tab at [www.wesleyancollege.edu](http://www.wesleyancollege.edu) or contact Kelly Page at 478-757-5272; email: [LifeLongLearning@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:LifeLongLearning@wesleyancollege.edu).





# WESLEYAN IS NAMED #9 ON THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S LIST OF TOP TEN "BEST VALUE" PRIVATE COLLEGES FOR 2011

Wesleyan College is the nation's #9 "Best Value" private college for 2011 according to The Princeton Review, one of America's most widely known education services and test preparation companies. The Princeton Review teamed with USA TODAY, the nation's most widely read print newspaper, to present its list, "The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges for 2011."

The list features one hundred schools in all — fifty public and fifty private colleges and universities — and posted on the websites of The Princeton Review and USA TODAY in January. Of the fifty schools chosen in each category (public and private), the top ten are ranked one to ten and the remaining forty are listed in alphabetical order and unranked.

In its profile of Wesleyan College on USA TODAY's website, the editors at The Princeton Review commend the school for its "rigorous academic atmosphere," "fabulous highly interactive, discussion-oriented classroom experience," "ultra-loyal network of alumnae," "incredibly laudable diversity," and "supreme ideals of sisterhood." Editors claim, "Being a small campus is a big advantage for Wesleyan students. An exceptional faculty teaches small, seminar-style classes where there is plenty of opportunity for one-on-one interaction with professors... Wesleyan is easily one of the best deals out there."

The Princeton Review selected the institutions as its "Best Value" choices for 2011 based on its surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities. The selection criteria

covered more than thirty factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance, and financial aid, using the most recently reported data from each institution for its 2009-10 academic year.

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review Senior Vice President and Publisher, "While a college education is undeniably a valuable investment, paying for college is challenging for most parents. Among the 12,000 respondents to our 2010 'College Hopes & Worries Survey' of college applicants and their parents, 86% told us financial aid would be 'very necessary' to foot the bill. For them and for all families seeking academically outstanding colleges that have been exceptional at meeting their students' needs for financial aid, we're pleased to have teamed up with USA TODAY to identify and recommend these 100 institutions as 'Best Value' colleges."

Visitors to The Princeton Review website and USA TODAY website can access the complete lists of 50 public and 50 private "Best Value" colleges. USA TODAY's site features a database that allows users to view in-depth details about the schools by clicking on an interactive map to explore criteria including cost of attendance and financial aid data, enrollment size, location and The Princeton Review's analysis of why each school was chosen as a "Best Value" college. The Princeton Review previously reported annual "Best Value" public and private colleges lists (and top 10 ranking schools in each category) on its website and in its book, *America's Best Value Colleges*, which was published from 2004 to 2007.

## Presidential Honor Roll for Distinguished Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named Wesleyan College to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth. This year's 2010 Honor Roll is the fifth annual list for the new community service recognition program. Wesleyan College was also named to the 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 Honor Rolls and is one of 114 schools nationally, and one of only five in Georgia, to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction Award. 2010 marks Wesleyan's third consecutive year on this prestigious Distinction Award list, an honor no other college or university in the state can claim.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

"Congratulations to Wesleyan College and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick A. Corvington, Chief Executive Officer of CNCS. "We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service."

A total of 851 institutions applied for the 2010 Honor Roll, a nine percent increase over last year, a sign of the growing interest by colleges and universities in highlighting their efforts to engage students in making a difference in the community. In all, more than 600 schools were recognized — eight of those were Georgia colleges or universities. Wesleyan students are connected with the community through the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. The Lane Center initiates community leadership development and coordinates projects, such as the nationally recognized Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table program and WOW! Days for Macon. Although not a requirement, more than two-thirds of Wesleyan students are actively engaged in community service activities.





## From the Alumnae Association President

As I looked through pictures from Alumnae Weekend, I was reminded of what a special weekend it was! Beginning with the Golden Belles Luncheon, celebrating the Class of 1961, the entire weekend was a celebration of Wesleyan's 175 years of educating women. The gatherings at Registration in the Candler Building, Lemonade on the Lawn, and Marketplace at the Loggia were filled with voices of Wesleyannes excited to be together again. Throughout the weekend alumnae also had special opportunities to "visit" with Wesleyannes from many decades of the past, portrayed by current students participating in a "living history" project. The concert Friday evening showcased our talented alumnae musicians and The Wesleyannes. The Presidents' Reception in Oval Hall was just lovely, and we all enjoyed being together in a setting of which we are so fond.

Although we had much to accomplish in the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, the meeting was punctuated with laughter and fun moments, many of the lighter moments provided by Alumnae Weekend Chair Carol Bacon Kelso '73. To see the glow of candles throughout Porter Auditorium as we sang the Alma Mater was a thrilling and memorable experience. What a wonderful tradition this is to welcome our newest alumnae into the Alumnae Association.

Beginning with the familiar sounds of the Doxology, the Saturday Luncheon was a very special occasion. "Tales from the Wesleyan Vault" by Pat Hardeman '68 provided students and alumnae with even more glimpses of Wesleyan's past. The picnic with its 175th birthday theme was festive, and we enjoyed ice cream sundaes and a huge birthday cake as we celebrated Wesleyan's unique history with current students, classmates, and our families and friends.

There is so much more I could tell you about the weekend, but you will just have to come to the next one to experience it all. With many thanks to all of the alumnae volunteers and staff who made this such a perfect weekend, I will look forward to seeing you at future reunions!

Fondly,

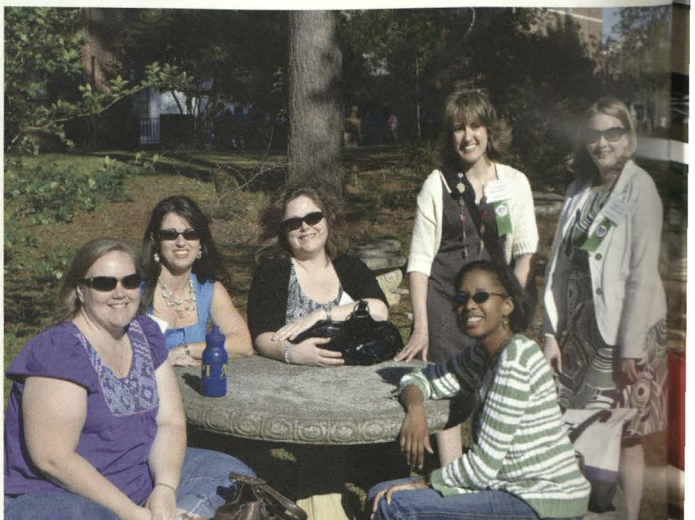
*Susan W. Walker*

President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

## Alumnae Weekend 2012 / April 20, 21 & 22

You will be receiving more information about your reunion this fall. Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

1927	1942	1957	1972	1987	2002
1932	1947	1962	1977	1992	2007
1937	1952	1967	1982	1997	2011











# LINEAGE

I imagine her almost two centuries ago asking, "What's a woman to do?" There she stands in her kitchen, a middle-aged woman

wondering where her life went. When she looks at the trees outside her window, she sees only how women

stay put. Rooted. She loves those oak trees, but sometimes she dreams they become women,

a chorus of Daphnes turned back into girls again, dancing their way into clearings where they can be women

in full academic regalia, a procession of poets and historians, pianists and scholars, begetting a lineage of women

who swish their capacious ambitions, who can finally live what their ancestors dreamed, women

whose minds open up like the doors to a library they could have never imagined before they saw women

around them beginning to answer the question that Sigmund Freud never could, "What does a woman

want?" So many answers. A hundred and seventy five years worth. "Ah well, what's a woman to do?" my imaginary woman

sighs, turning away from her sink full of dishes, and I want to whisper through time's curtain, "Just ask a Wesleyan woman."

BY KATHRYN STRIPLING BYER, CLASS OF 1966  
*In honor of the 175th Anniversary of the College*



# 2011 Alumnae Award Recipients

STEPHANIE E. PARKER '81

BONNIE SMITH SLOVIS, M.D. '66

CAROLINE THOMAS '81

NEDRA MARTIN MALONE '65

HYUN MI CHOI CORIN '01

## STEPHANIE E. PARKER '81 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A PROFESSION



A trial attorney who has extensive experience in the defense of product liability and toxic tort cases, Stephanie Parker '81 is a partner in the Atlanta office of Jones Day, an international law firm with 2,500 lawyers in over 30 offices around the globe. Stephanie has served national clients in the tobacco, chemical, pharmaceutical, gasoline, medical device, and automotive industries.

For more than ten years, Stephanie has served as lead trial counsel for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Currently, she is lead counsel for R.J. Reynolds in its Engle progeny litigation, which involves over 9,000 plaintiffs.

Stephanie's exceptional work has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, Bloomberg, and other national media. She also was highlighted in *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of its "Women in Business," and she is listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, Legal 500, Georgia Super Lawyers, Georgia's "Top 50 Women Attorneys," and *Georgia Trend's* "Legal Elite." Several of her recent trials have been shown on Courtroom View Network.

A member of the American Law Institute, Stephanie is a Master of the Bleckley Inn of Court. She has served on

the Bar Council of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. She also frequently speaks on legal topics and has lectured throughout the United States.

Stephanie first fell in love with Wesleyan the summer she participated in the Governor's Honors Program. As a pre-law student, she benefited from a hands-on internship with the Macon law firm Anderson, Walker & Reichert. After graduating from Wesleyan, Stephanie earned her J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1984.

A valuable member of Wesleyan's Board of Trustees for six years, Stephanie has served also as class liaison and Loyalty Fund Chair. She continues to support Wesleyan through an endowed scholarship in memory of her grandmother, Ethel Moore Roberts. The scholarship honors her grandmother's commitment to her community and is awarded to students who are engaged in community service. Active in the larger community as well, Stephanie is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta and has served on the boards of the Federal Defender Program, Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia (two years as Chairman), YWCA, Georgia Women of Achievement, Vanderbilt University School of Law, and Georgia State University School of Law. Stephanie founded the Spelman-Morehouse internship at Jones Day for college students in Atlanta who are interested in becoming lawyers.



## BONNIE SMITH SLOVIS, M.D. '66 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A PROFESSION



At the age of forty, after having successfully raised two sons and worked in a variety of professions, and after earning a master's degree in counseling psychology and a master of science degree in health systems analysis, Bonnie Smith Slovis '66, M.D., M.Ed., MSHS, FCCP, began the journey to realizing her childhood dream. In 1986, twenty years after graduating from Wesleyan, Bonnie entered Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. "Graduate school

was a big leap," she says. "Medical school was not an option."

A member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and recipient of a Lange Book Award, Bonnie graduated *cum laude* from Emory in 1990 and was honored with a Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation from the American Medical Women's Association. For two years she was a resident of internal medicine at University of Rochester School of Medicine, Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, and then moved to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1996 she completed her postdoctoral fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Vanderbilt.

Bonnie serves as consultant at the hospital and also sees outpatients in the faculty practice. She oversees the health of more than two hundred cystic fibrosis patients. At Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Bonnie is the Associate Director for Clinical Affairs of the Division of Allergy, Pulmonary, and Critical Care, Director of the Pulmonary Patient Care Center, Director of the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Center, Director of Outpatient Pulmonary Medicine, and Associate Professor of Medicine. She is also an attending physician at the multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Clinic and Pulmonary Inpatient and Consult Service at Vanderbilt. "I am living my dream," she said. "This is what I've wanted to do all my life."

A highly sought after speaker, Bonnie has lectured at dozens of seminars, presentations, and symposia. She has authored and/or co-authored more than fifty publications, chapters and abstracts and is an effective grant writer who has received more than half a million dollars in grant awards to aid in her research. She is board certified in critical care medicine, pulmonology and internal medicine. She is a member of American College of Physicians, American Thoracic Society, and is a Fellow of American College of Chest Physicians.

A life-long learner, Bonnie is a model of professional fortitude and accomplishment. Bonnie says that the privilege of being someone's doctor is the most rewarding aspect of the career she dreamed about since she was five years old.

## CAROLINE THOMAS '81 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A PROFESSION



Internationally renowned opera star Caroline Thomas '81 inherited her gift of singing from her father, Blake Thomas, who she says still sings beautifully. However, she credits her great success to studying with Norman McLean during her years at Wesleyan.

Caroline has been singing since childhood. She began singing at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, where her father was a paid soloist. The choir minister there, Jerry Black, was her first

teacher and he and his wife, Charlise Mallory Black '60, groomed Caroline for her Wesleyan audition. After graduating in 1981, Caroline studied at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earned her Master of Music Degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, and attended the American Opera Center at the Juilliard School Lincoln Center in New York.

Early in her career, Caroline performed with ensembles in Lucerne, Switzerland, Regensburg and Darmstadt, Germany, and Saverne, France. In 1997, she sang the premiere of *Tosca* at the Städtische Bühnen in Germany, where she was heralded as "the discovery of the evening... Münster's new Prima Donna." Caroline was hired as the Leading Lady of the City Theater and served in that role until 2001. In 1998, she was named Münster's Singer of the Year.

She guested in Catania, Hannover, Kiel, Berlin, Innsbruck, Seattle and Washington, DC.

Caroline has achieved international acclaim for her performances of works by Wagner, Mozart, Weber, Puccini, Verdi and Strauss. She has brought to stage the roles of Tosca, Donna Anna, Fidelio, Lady Macbeth, Aida, Chrysothemis, Ariadne, Kundry, Elsa, Leonore in *La Forza del Destino* and Wagner's *Ring of the Niebelungen*. Her concert work includes Verdi's *Requiem*, Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Strauss' *Four Last Songs* and Mozart's *Requiem*. Caroline has been described as having "wide sweeping tone, attractive femininity and precise vocal dynamics."

In 2003, she sang as Brünnhilde opposite Plácido Domingo and was awarded the Washington National Opera Artist of the Year. Other awards include Puccini Foundation Award with Licia Albanese, Liederkrantz, Metropolitan Opera Regional Finalist, Grace Moore Fellowship in Opera at University of Tennessee, and Cash Award from Curtis Institute "Singer Most Likely to Succeed."

A gifted teacher and mentor to future opera stars, Caroline has held a full professorship at the Hochschule für Musik in Detmold, Germany, since 2002. She calls it "the best job in the world!" Recent graduates are now ensemble members in Graz, Austria, Würzburg and Wuppertal, Germany. In 2008, she was elected as the first woman Dean at the School of Music in Detmold.



## NEDRA MARTIN MALONE '65 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO WESLEYAN



Giving back to Wesleyan has been natural for Nedra Malone '65. She has devoted countless hours of service as the College's alumna volunteer floral designer and event decorator. Whether working behind the scenes to create her trademark floral arrangements, or decorating the College's Christmas tree in Burden Parlor, Nedra has remained committed to maintaining beauty on campus and enhancing special occasions. She has decorated for three

presidential inaugurations, served as Alumnae Weekend Decorations Chair since 1998 and served on the decorations committee since 1995. She often gathers flowers from her own yard, which includes about three acres right across the street from campus. For Nedra, giving back to Wesleyan is fun. She reminds us, "it is something anyone can do."

Nedra grew up in Winter Haven, Florida, and first came to Macon at age 17 to attend Wesleyan. She had won a four-year scholarship to a fine arts school in Chicago, but her mother was eager for Nedra to attend a woman's college (as she had done). At Wesleyan, Nedra studied elementary education and was part of the equestrian program. When her father became ill, she transferred

to Florida Southern College to live with her parents. She married during Christmas vacation her senior year, then completed her student teaching, and graduated. Following graduation she moved to Warner Robins, Georgia, where she began her first teaching job at Elmwood Elementary. With her husband serving in the Air Force, the next few years were filled with relocation - in Georgia, California, North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee, states in which Nedra was certified to teach. She is also a licensed Georgia Realtor. The Malones reared three children. The eldest, Melissa Malone Constable, is an alumna from the Class of 1991.

Nedra has represented Wesleyan in the Macon community as well. She has volunteered with Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, The Cherry Blossom Festival, and at The Museum of Arts and Sciences. For decades, Nedra has staffed the Exchange Club food booth at The Georgia State Fair and was awarded Outstanding Exchange Volunteer. She has been involved in numerous equestrian events at Wesleyan and in Georgia. Throughout the years she has hosted more than twenty Wesleyan students in her home and says her door is always open.

Nedra never misses an opportunity to promote Wesleyan and has recruited at least half a dozen students to the College. "I have a habit of talking about Wesleyan everywhere I go," she says.

## HYUN MI CHOI CORIN '01 YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD



Hyun Mi Choi '01 was attending the Sook Myung Women's University in Seoul, Korea, when she was given an opportunity to apply for a student exchange program. On a list with more than twenty US colleges and universities, Wesleyan caught her eye. She attended her junior year, then after graduating from Sook Myung, she returned to Wesleyan to earn her second BA degree in art. She was the first exchange student to attend Wesleyan from Sook Myung.

Four years later, with a master's degree in international policy studies and a certificate of nonproliferation studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California, Hyun Mi worked as a full-time intern at the Center for Strategic and International Studies think-tank in Washington, DC, where her expertise was Northeast Asian Security. She also researched foreign policy issues, including cooperative threat reduction in Russia, A.Q. Khan's nuclear smuggling network, anti-American sentiment in South Korea, the U.S. / South Korean alliance, and U.S. Forces in Korea.

While in graduate school, Hyun Mi worked as a research assistant studying proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in North Korea and the South Korean missile and satellite development program for the Nuclear Threat Initiative. In 2005

and 2006 Hyun Mi was Assistant Professor at Defense Language Institute teaching socioeconomic issues of Korea and Korean language to U.S. military personnel, preparing them for U.S. military intelligence.

In the summer of 1999 Hyun Mi worked with the International Olympic Committee in Seoul. In July 2002, she worked with the Foreign Ministry of Culture and Tourism in Seoul, where she interpreted Korean and English between the ministry and a delegation of Malaysian community leaders. Working as a freelance artist and journalist in Kansas City between 2007-2009, Hyun Mi wrote for Korean publications on U.S. politics, foreign policy, and cultural topics.

In May, Hyun Mi earned a second master's degree - an M.Ed. in sociology and education - from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. Since July 2010, she has served as the Program Coordinator and Research Assistant for the Center of Korean Research at Columbia, where she designs and publishes a bi-yearly newsletter, assists in identifying grant opportunities, coordinates academic events, and hires and manages work-study students. Hyun Mi still enjoys painting and says that being an artist has always been her passion. "Creating good artwork requires exposure to ideas and interesting experiences," she says. "I believe my diverse academic background and career path have helped me develop as an artist."

## Now is the time to Nominate for 2012 Alumnae Awards:

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For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 11, 2012.



# Alumnae CONNECTIONS

Come celebrate Wesleyan's historic past, current achievements, and vision for the future with President Ruth Knox and other Wesleyan women in your area! This academic year, the offices of advancement and alumnae affairs kicked-off an Anniversary Tour that included visits to many cities listed below. As the College celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding in 1836, President Knox will continue to meet with alumnae in cities throughout the country during the next 12 months. Visit [www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae](http://www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae) throughout the year for a schedule of Anniversary Tour events near you and visit our Facebook page (Wesleyan College Alumnae Association) to see who has joined in the festivities.

## Florida

### *Palm Beach*

In March, area alumnae met at the Sailfish Club for *Cocktails and Conversation* with President **Ruth Knox '75** as part of the College's 175th Anniversary Tour. Former Trustee **Kate Stickley Watson '60** and her husband, Mitchell, hosted the event. Alumnae hostesses included **Susie McDonald Sheehan '72**, **Joan Shapiro Foster '56**, and **Claire Michaels Murray '52**. Other College staff attendees included Senior Advancement Officer Susan Allen and Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**.

### *Miami*

Miami area alumnae met at the home of **Renate Butler Ryan '63** on Biscayne Bay for *Cocktails and Conversation* with President Knox. Other alumnae hostesses for this 175th Anniversary Tour event included **Betsy Chipman Kaplan '47**, **Julie St. John Thornton '78**, and **Carmen Valdez '05**. College staff members Susan Allen and Cathy Snow also were on hand to greet alumnae. The group enjoyed an impromptu performance by Renate's house guests, members of the Italian Saxophone Quartet, who were on tour in Miami.

### *Tallahassee*

Wesleyan Alumnae Association President **Susan Woodward Walker '70** welcomed President Ruth Knox and area alumnae to Goodwood Plantation and Gardens for a 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in March. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for the event. Alumnae hostesses included **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**, **Ermine Owenby '61**, and **Martha Herring Stubbs '68**. Wesleyan guests Susan Allen, Cathy Snow, and Associate Alumnae Director **Lauren Hamblin Gibson '06** also shared news from the College with alumnae.

## Georgia

### *Atlanta*

Club members participated in a successful WOW (Service) Day at the Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House in April. **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70** coordinated WOW Day volunteer efforts for the Wesleyan group who celebrated 11 years of community service to the Symphony this year. Atlanta alumnae also served as Externship hostesses to students during Spring Break.

### *Macon*

**Nan Dixon Souma '75** hosted the Macon Club's annual *Holiday Coffee* at her home in December. Macon Young Alumnae were invited to participate in the college's community service WOW Day in January. Alumnae "e-Links" and their sophomore students also met for an Alumnae e-Link Reception in Burden Parlor in March. In addition, Macon alumnae participated in the Externship Program held during Spring Break.

### *St. Simons Island / Brunswick*

Coastal area alumnae and friends met at the home of **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** for the annual *Golden Isles Holiday Coffee* in December. Wesleyan guests **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, director of special projects, and Dawn Freelin, director of annual giving, met with alumnae to share news from the college. Alumnae hostesses included **Catherine Gibbons Jost '70**, **Pat Glass Thorpe '66**, and **Carol "Moon" Burt '64**, WCAA vice president for development and class e-Rep coordinator. The club's on-going community service project with Keep Georgia Beautiful focuses on keeping designated roads on the island "green and clean." Permanent road signs at maintenance sites promote the Wesleyan Alumnae Association's role in the project.

## North Carolina

### *Raleigh*

In January, members of the North Carolina Triangle Alumnae Club met for *Coffee and Conversation* at the home of **Pamela Henry Pate '71** in Chapel Hill, NC, during an organizational meeting of the club. Members brought children's books to donate to Book Harvest as their first ever local area WOW Service Day project. Club Co-Leaders Pamela Pate, **Linda Brown Walker '73** and **Karen Garr '69** look forward to helping the group stay connected through future Wesleyan events.

## New York

### *New York City*

175th Anniversary Tour events in New York City included a young alumnae event at the home of Trustee Bebbie MacCary, where Lauren Gibson and **Heather Hughes '05** served as alumnae hostesses. In addition, a luncheon was held at The University Club where Trustee **Gayle Attaway Findlay '55** and **Lois Goldman Cowan '45** served as hostesses. Wesleyan guests included Ruth Knox, Susan Allen, and Lauren Gibson.

## Tennessee

### *Chattanooga*

A luncheon at the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club hosted by **Mary Stewart Glendenning Lewis '92** afforded area alumnae with the opportunity to hear Ruth Knox's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary iPad presentation. Other alumnae hostesses included **Becky Jones Brock '72**, **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02**, **LaVonne Collins Jolley '51**, **Jody Bethea Riggs '88**, and **Jane Powers Weldon '59**. Wesleyan staff attendees included Susan Allen, Cathy Snow, and Lauren Gibson who also visited with alumnae.

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[csnow@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:csnow@wesleyancollege.edu) or the alumnae office at (478) 757-5172.*



# CLUBfacebook

1. Palm Beach Perfect. (From Left) Martha Townsend Dyal '75, Joan Shapiro Foster '56, and Dr. Regina Bland '76 meet with President Ruth Knox '75 at the Sailfish Club.
2. Sailfish Smiles. Event hostess Kate Stickley Watson '60 and Mary White McOwen '59 at the Sailfish Club in Palm Beach.
3. 175 years and counting. NYC young alumnae meet with President Knox at the home of Wesleyan Trustee Bebbie MacCary.
4. Meet me in NYC. Northeast Region alumnae meet for lunch with President Knox at the University Club.
5. Above the Bay. Miami area alumnae meet for *Cocktails and Conversation* with President Knox at the home of Renate Butler Ryan '63 (far left).
6. Celebrating in Tallahassee! Alumnae Hostesses Ermine Owenby '61, Martha Herring Stubbs '68, and Virginia Barber Perkins '63 with President Knox at Goodwood Plantation.
7. "Quincy Girls" are standing tall in Tallahassee at the 175th Anniversary Luncheon.
8. 25th Anniversary Holiday Hostess. Alumnae Director Cathy Snow '71 thanks Nan Dixon Souma '75 for holding the 2011 Macon *Holiday Coffee* in her home, twenty-five years after she first hosted the Coffee.
9. Holiday Head Start. Macon area alumnae kick-off the holiday season with Wesleyan sisters at the annual *Holiday Coffee*.
10. Golden Isles Christmas. St. Simons Island area alumnae ring in the holiday season at the home of Mary Tappan Garrison '46.
11. Chattanooga Chicks. The Chattanooga area alumnae meet for lunch and a 175th Anniversary update from President Knox.
12. Coffee and Conversation. North Carolina Triangle Wesleyan alumnae meet at the home of Pamela Henry Pate '71 in Chapel Hill.
13. Celebrating Black History. (From left) Carolyn McClinton Woodard '72, Marvette Baldwin Jenkins '72, Sonya Tomlinson Holland '72, and Dyleane Tolbert Taylor '72, four of Wesleyan's "First Five" African American graduates spoke at Wesleyan in February.

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# Sympathy

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:*

**Jeanette Harris Morgan '41** of LaGrange, GA, on the death of her husband, Dr. James C. Morgan, Jr., on October 27, 2010.

**Sarah Smoot Scates '42** of Carol Stream, IL, on the death of her husband, Julian Scates, on December 1, 2010.

**Lois Goldman Cowan '45** of Scarsdale, NY, on the death of her husband, Dr. Marvin S. Cowan, on December 12, 2010.

**Jane Gallagher Pate '46** of Pensacola, FL, on the death of her daughter, Nancy Delarose Pate-Nelson, on April 12, 2011.

**Eugenia Corley Simmons '47** of Macon on the death of her husband, H.E. "Smokey" Simmons, on January 3, 2010.

**Anne Strozier Threadgill '49** of Greenville, GA, on the death of her mother, Miriam Strozier, on January 13, 2011.

**Ann Messink Ross '50** of Memphis, TN, on the death of her husband, Richard Travis Ross, on July 14, 2010.

**Sally Johnson Flanders '52** of Griffin, GA, on the death of her husband, Ralph E. Flanders, on January 27, 2011, who also attended Wesleyan Conservatory.

**Elizabeth "Betty Lou" Barber McClure '53** of Lewisburg, PA, on the death of her husband, The Honorable James F. McClure, U.S. District Court Judge, on December 17, 2010.

**Patricia Evans Missar '53** of Augusta, GA, on the death of her sister, **Rosemary Evans Anderson Ivey '60**, on December 11, 2010.

**Lucia Hutchinson Peel Powe '53** of Chapel Hill, NC, on the death of her husband, Edward Knox "E.K." Powe III, on February 6, 2011.

**Joan Cordova Walker '54** of Macon, on the death of her husband, Clifford Walker, on May 29, 2010.

**Olivia Evans Kappus '56** of Decatur, GA, on the death of her husband, Karl D. Kappus, on December 12, 2010.

**Mary Pierpont "Pont" Riley Hall '57** of Baltimore, MD, on the death of her sister, Juliet Morgan Riley Goldthwaite, in October 2010.

**Frances Quarles Hinely '58** of Hampton Cove, AL, on the death of her brother, John Milton Quarles, Jr., on February 18, 2011.

**Libby Futrelle Richardson '58** of Guyton, GA, on the death of her sister, **Louise Futrelle Dodd '49** of Macon, on November 22, 2010.

**Virginia Talbot '58** of Scaly Mountain, NC, on the death of her mother, Helene Mahan Talbot, on January 6, 2011.

**Bonnie Butler Ridley '61** of Amelia Island, FL, on the death of her mother, Edith Eugenia Marshall Butler (102), on April 28, 2011, who was also mother-in-law to Wesleyan Trustee **Jane Johnson Butler '65**.

**Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62** of Cobbtown, GA, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Mercer Rhoden, on December 12, 2010.

**Suzanne Gosnell Joye '64** of Lexington, SC, on the death of her mother, Doris Boling Gosnell, on January 26, 2011.

**Sandra Bell Shipp '66** of Savannah, GA, on the death of her mother, Marian Pickren Bell, on April 4, 2011.

**Judy Johnson Highsmith '67** of Atlanta, on the death of her mother **Mary Seabrook Smith Johnson '35**, on December 13, 2010.

**Andgelia Proctor Kelly '68** of Macon, on the death of her mother, Minnie Lou Champion Proctor, on February 9, 2011.

**Vicki Page Jaus '68** of Charlotte, NC, on the death of her mother, Margaret Bunny Page, on July 27, 2010.

**Susan Jones Shulman '68** of Jacksonville, FL, on the death of her mother, Helen Jones, on December 6, 2010.

**Carolyn Wills Garrard '70** of Athens, GA, on the death of her mother, Adrienne "Tut" Pilcher Wills, on November 29, 2010.

**Jan Bull Simpson '70** of Columbia, SC, on the death of her father, George C. Bull, Jr., on January 24, 2011.

**Toni L. Jennings '71** of Orlando, FL, on the death of her mother, Margaret Murphy Jennings, on February 2, 2011.

**Martha Yates Thomas '71** of Macon, on the death of her mother, Fain Thomas Yates Winkler, on February 27, 2011.

**Beverly Evans Rodgers '72** of Watkinsville, GA, on the death of her sister, **Rosemary Evans Anderson Ivey '60**, on December 11, 2010.

**Marty Lynn Christy '73** of Perry, GA, on the death of her father, Julius Lynn, on December 1, 2010, and her grandson, John Hudson Christy, on December 15, 2010.

**Weize Anne Hayes Wright '73** of Jacksonville, FL, on the death of her mother, Louise Bazemore Hayes, on April 27, 2011.

**Mary Woodley Carroll '74** of Jacksonville, FL, on the death of her husband, John "JC" Carroll, on May 5, 2010.

**Catherine Hinman Malles '75** of Winter Park, FL, on the death of her mother, **Camilla West Hinman Humber '48** of Columbus, GA, on January 10, 2011.

**Darla Grinstead McKenzie '78** on the death of her father, Bob Grinstead, in April 2010.

**Lucy Anne Fisackerly Adams '80** of Enoree, SC, on the death of her husband, J.T. "Todd" Adams, on January 15, 2011.

**Robin Kicklighter Dreggors '80** of Glennville, GA, on the death of her father, Robert Kicklighter, on November 15, 2010.

**Mary Elizabeth Harrell O'Shea '81** of Ashville, NC, on the death of her aunt, **Maria Lewis Harrell '40**, on October 9, 2010.

**Dr. Dana Grinstead Tanner '86** on the death of her father, Bob Grinstead, in April 2010.

**Amanda Blakey Jacobsen '88** of Canton, GA, the death of her mother, Katherine Ann Blakey, on November 30, 2010.

**Saralynn Collins Harvey '90** of Macon, on the death of her mother-in-law, **Ellen Prince Harvey '87**, on February 18, 2011.

**Leslie Thomson Kravet '91** of Roslyn, NY, on the death of her mother, Barbara Butterfield Thomas, on April 22, 2011.



# Births and Family Additions

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:*

**Ashley Garrett '90** and husband Gennaro Gama of Athens, GA, on the birth of a son, Carlos Jose Garrett Gama, on December 26, 2010.

**Tonya Brown Wilson '90** and Brad of Monroe, GA, on the birth of their fourth child, Nathaniel Brown Wilson, on October 9, 2010. He is loved very much by his three big sisters.

**Lianne Navran Kagunda '92** of Melbourne, FL, on the birth of a son, Daniel Kagunda, on December 19, 2010.

**Karin Fulford Smithson '92** and Joel of Atlanta, on the birth of their third child, Hoyte Charles Smithson, on June 23, 2010.

**Lisa Hullender Filkins '96** of Jasper, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Allison Ryan Filkins, on September 13, 2010.

**Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** and Jason of Rome, GA, on the birth of twins, Henry Lynn and Macy Elaine, on September 15, 2010.

**Melissa Roberts Mancini '99** and Gregory of Knoxville, TN, on the birth of their third son, Francis Paul Mancini, on January 13, 2011.

**Kelly Baete '00** and husband James Doyle of Charlotte, NC, on the birth of their son, Jackson Thomas Doyle, on April 11, 2010.

**Jywanya Smith Dillinger '01** and Mark of Owens Cross Roads, AL, on the birth of a son, Jace Nolan, in November 2010.

**Natalie Puckett Evans '02** and Dave of McDonough, GA, on the birth of their second son, Jeffrey Sanderson Evans.

**Emily Neal Duke '03** and Nicholas of Centerville, OH, on the birth of a future Wesleyanne, Helen Rachel Duke, on November 9, 2010.

**Emily Dukes LeVan '04** of Tucker, GA, on her marriage to Scot LeVan on October 16, 2010.

**Heather Poindexter Kennedy '05** of Saint Simons Island, GA, on her marriage to Mark Kennedy on December 11, 2010.

**Lauren Hamblin Gibson '06** of Macon, GA, on her marriage to Christopher E. Gibson on December 30, 2010.

**Parrish Smotherman Jenkins '06** of Macon, GA, on her marriage to Andrew Jenkins on May 29, 2010, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Macon.

**Jessica "Jess" Lee Groves-Chapman '08** of Athens, GA, on her marriage to Marvin E. Chapman, III, on June 12, 2010.

**Helen Blackmarr Outler '53** of Murrayville, GA, on her marriage to Bill Jackson on October 3, 2010.

**Liz O'Donnell Stewart '76** of Liberty Township, OH, on her marriage to David Menkhaus on April 8, 2011, in West Chester, OH.

**Vonda Brokopp Klein McCutchen '86** of Marietta, GA, on her marriage to Phil McCutchen in March 2010.

**Heather Rae Goodwin Grahek '96** of Tampa, FL, on her marriage to Garrett Grahek on October 2, 2010.

**Kimberly Weitzel Murray '01** on her marriage to Brian Murray in June 2010 in St. Thomas, USVI.

**Katie Crozier Theis '04** on her marriage to Dr. Ryan Theis on June 18, 2011, in Gainesville, FL.

# In Memoriam

- 1932 Mildred "Millie" Boothe West
- 1933 Claudine Walton Mays
- 1935 Annie Frances Clower Moorman  
Mary Seabrook Smith Johnson
- 1937 Carlton Ellis Cunningham  
Rose Peagler Porter
- 1938 Joe Lorraine Estes Sherrill
- 1940 Mary Coolidge Cissna
- 1941 Betsy Williams Cook  
Sybil Crow Gridley  
Sophie Oxley Clark Thompson  
Sarah W. Crook
- 1942 Ruth Carol Harley  
Mary Mobley Mixner  
Leona Ruth Olliff Phillips  
Miriam Rudesal Smith
- 1944 Frances Foster Lloyd  
Ethelyn Lindsey Stringfellow
- 1945 Jane Methvin Jones  
Martha Doris Parker Wedelboe
- 1946 Betty Ray Botts  
Thelma Denyer Brownnett  
Jean Pim Kinsman  
Jean Gibbons Saunders
- 1947 Louise McGehee Frank  
Janice Walker Miller  
Margaret Smith Mines  
Rosalyn Maddox Oglesby
- 1948 Katherine Perryman Andrews  
Linda Walton Burgess  
Camilla West Hinman Humber
- 1949 Marilyn Emerson Griffin
- 1950 Dorinda Morgan Brethwaite  
Frances Givens Cooper  
Mary Evelyn "Bebe"  
Coney Davidson  
Laurel Norden Lenfestey  
Carolyn Eidson McCollum  
Barbara Carpenter Rabun
- 1951 Helen Austin Callaway  
Emily Perry Grier  
Louise Phillips McMahon Lazenby  
Billie Finzer Jones Rowe
- 1952 Alice Lee Weldon Clark  
Peggy Woodall Ford  
Peggy Willis Lewis  
Audrey Wise Miller  
Gloria Hogan Thornwell
- 1953 Peggy Smith Catchings  
Jane Fenn Foster  
Laura Aylor Martin
- 1954 Nancy Williams Holliman
- 1956 Carmen Gutierrez
- 1958 Anne Christine Boterweg
- 1960 Sandra Dew Graves  
Rosemary Evans Anderson Ivey  
Jane Malvia Nixon Muir
- 1962 Barbara Houck Carpenter
- 1963 Marianne Stelpstra Brooks  
Marjorie "Padgy" Wallace Hamrick  
Judith James Hardy
- 1964 Bonnie Keistler Wasson
- 1967 Nancy Lois Law  
Kathryn Smith Maxey
- 1969 Melody Wilson Lewis
- 1987 Ellen Prince Harvey

# Marriages

*The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:*





## Class of 1946 (65th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Rebecca "Becky" Yates Anders and Jane Kollock McCall  
**Row 2:** Mary Nunn Domingos, Susan "Sue" Lott Clark and Laurel Dean Gray Craft

## 1930s

**Dottie DuPuis Mackin '38** is busy with her four grandsons and four great grandchildren. She also enjoys activities such as water aerobics, Wii bowling, tournaments, shuffle board and various dinners and parties at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring, MD, where she lives. "I'm also active in my church here since I no longer drive," reports Dottie.

"I'm still enjoying a fairly active life at Lambeth House," writes **Bunny Smith Thomas '38** of New Orleans, LA. "I'm in good physical condition and active on committees. I don't drive but I get to church every Sunday thanks to a fellow church member."

## 1940s

Congratulations to **Bettye Withers Barnes '42** and husband Ben on their 63rd wedding anniversary! "We both are fine and still serve in many mission projects. We are active members at Isle of Hope UMC in Savannah, GA."

"I live in Maggie Valley, near Waynesville, NC, for six months in the summer," writes **Irma Ryder King Guest '42**. "I love it in the mountains and would like to see other alums in the area."

From her home in Rochester, NY, **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** has been thinking of her dear classmate, **Rita Santry McGill '42** (deceased), and of the many happy reunions and visits they had when Rita lived in Georgia. "Fred and I are comfortable

in a retirement home but have longed for Georgia during this snowy (100 + inches) winter! Have a wonderful reunion - blessings to all," writes Alice.

We send sympathy to **Sarah Smoot Scates '42** of Carol Stream, IL, on the death of her husband of 62 years. "Julian passed away December 1, 2010. He served in the Navy and graduated from Duke. He was with Sears for forty years; most of it in the Sears Tower." (See *Sympathy*.)

"Still enjoying summers in Michigan," writes **Ginny Martin Lawrence '45** from Cincinnati, OH. "I've been singing in the church choir at Northminster Presbyterian and with another group for many years."

"Thanks for a wonderful Atlanta Alumnae Club meeting at Lenbrook Square in November. Great Staff!" writes **Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge '45**. Happy 2011!"

## ▲ 1946 (65th Reunion)

"It has been an honor and a joy to try to keep '46 classmates interested in coming back to Wesleyan for our reunions. We have had so much fun each time. In fact, each one has seemed better than the last one. My co-chair this year, **Becky Yates Anders '46**, did an outstanding job trying to locate classmates. Now we look forward to the 70th in 2016!" writes Reunion Chair and Class President **Jane Kollock McCall '46** from Atlanta. "Classmates who were able to attend all or part of activities were **Mary Nunn Domingos; Sue Lott Clark; Becky**

**Yates Anders** and her daughter, **Buffie DuPuis; Laurel Dean Gray Craft** and husband Fisher; **Joyce Daniel Mann** and husband David; **Beverly Burgess Meadors**; and **Jane Kollock McCall** and husband Guyton."

From her home in Charlotte, NC, **Emily Bradford Batts '46** sends good wishes to classmates who were able to attend reunion. Since neither she nor Larry drive out of town anymore she was unable to make it to the 65th but says she has many good memories of her time at Wesleyan. "We enjoy independent living at Carriage Club. Our two daughters and their families live very nearby and our oldest one lives in Ohio but comes home often. Our oldest grandson is a 1st Lt. in the Field Artillery of the US Army and returned to Iraq last Christmas for his 2nd tour of duty."

Author and historian **Sue Lott Clark '46** of Waycross, GA, has released her fourth book, *The Unusual Story of the Okefenokee Heritage Center and Southern Forest World*, two museums in which Sue had a hand in forming in the 1970s. Her book chronicles the evolving cultural life of Waycross and Ware County, complete with more than 1,000 historical photos, drawings and documents. Book profits will benefit the museums. Sue gave a copy of her book to Wesleyan's library in April.

Congratulations to **Laurel Dean Gray Craft '46** of Decatur, GA, and her husband, Fisher, who celebrated "their" reunion (65th!) in April.

"We have moved to Savannah, GA, and now live with my daughter," reports **Lou Matteson Jones '46**. "My husband, Harry, fell and broke his neck while I was having my last operation for a broken ankle. He's still in rehab while I recuperate. My granddaughter, **Dora Ward Curry '94** has taken time to marry and have a future Wesleyanne who is almost 2. Her name is Joy, after her two Wesleyanne grandmothers."

**Anne Morrison Killebrew '46**, a.k.a. the "Bear Lady," has been sharing her furry teddy bear friends for more than 20 years with preschoolers at Ortega UMC in Jacksonville, FL, where she has been a member for 50 years. Every week she brings a different bear to Wednesday morning chapel service to entertain and instruct the children about Jesus' love. A retired school teacher, Anne has enjoyed watching her "church family children" grow up throughout the years, especially since her own family members have moved away from the Jacksonville area.

**Peggy Halliburton Williams Pickard '46** of Bethesda, MD, sends love to her classmates. "I wish I could be with you (at reunion) but trips to New York and Italy are getting in the way." Peggy and her first husband, Ralph (who died in 1982) lived many years in DC where their son and daughter grew up. Peggy moved to a condo in Maryland after her second husband, Sam, died 5 years ago. She loves living in the treetops (4th floor) with a huge balcony filled with flowers in the same area where her social and business interests are located.



## Class of 1951 (60th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Nancy Wyatt Ezzard, Day Wilson Watson, Allee Gardiner Hollis. **Row 2:** Helen Longino Dunwody, Binky Russell Leggett, Peggy Worrell Murphy, Jane Wilkin Anthony, and Marjorie Perkins Squires



Peggy continues as a professional and volunteer writer for people, publications, and organizations, including All Hallows Guild at Washington National Cathedral, where she serves on the board and co-edits a newsletter. Peggy credits the journalism instructor at Wesleyan, as well as Dr. Gin, for helping her to enjoy words! She writes, "My life has been brimming with good things through all these years and I just wanted everyone who may remember me still to know that Wesleyan was a wonderful beginning, a joyous learning experience, a sharing of youthful spirits that I'll not forget. Have a great REUNION!"

"My Wesleyan years were happy memories. And since then I've had a full, interesting and exciting life," writes **Mary Euyang Shen '46** of New York, NY, who was unable to attend reunion this year. "I stay in touch with my roommate **Ted Dillard Ethridge '46** of Elberton, GA. I was so lucky to have been assigned two lovely roommates. I did return to Wesleyan at one time to talk about working at the Voice of America and its parent organization, the U.S. Information Agency. My thoughts will be with you all."

"Sorry I couldn't make it to the 65th reunion. I had a mastectomy on April 13 and am still recovering," reports **Betty Howell Traver '46** from her home in Gray, GA.

"I will be thinking of you in April," says **Laura Jones Turner '46** of LaGrange, GA. "I'm not as spry at 86 as I wish I were; so thinking will have to do. Have fun!"

"I now have 13 great grands!" boasts **Helen Proctor Watson '46** of Statesboro, GA. "I spend one wonderful week at Isle of Palms, SC, with all of them and their parents. They bring sitters, too!"

"My home since 2000 has been the Givens Methodist Retirement Home in Asheville, NC, a wonderful place to live," writes **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47**. "My daughter, **Carol Blanchard Hood '73**, lives in Franklin, NC, and sees me often."

"I'm living happily in Charleston, SC, in the home of my parents and many ancestors, and now have many relatives here," writes **Sep Porcher Murray '47**. "Love to Wesleyan."

In October 2010, more than 100 guests and speakers of the Symposium of Early Southern Homes on the Eastern Shore of Virginia gathered for a dinner at the home of **Peggy Ann "P.A." Pangborn Roos '47**. "I was so flattered that my restored historic home, Shepherd's Plain (c. 1755), in Pungoteague, VA, was chosen as the host site for this dinner where architectural and preservation leaders were feted, including Carol B. Cadou, author and curator of Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon, VA; Wendell Garrett, editor-at-large of *The Magazine Antiques*, New York, NY; and Ralph O. Harvard, antiquarian and architectural historian, New York, NY. Mr. Harvard's drawings and encouragement were essential in the restoration process and we are deeply grateful," writes P.A.

Our sympathy to **Eugenia Corley Simmons '47** of Macon who lost her husband, "Smokey," after 63 years together. "I gained a great granddaughter, Lily Kate Wilkins, born on Jan. 25, 2010. She joins her brother, Bishop, born on Dec. 31, 2008. I'm well and still painting." (See *Sympathy*.)

"My life since 1927 has been full of blessings," says **Betty Whitehead Sweeny '47**. "Travel with my husband, sister, and friends has been a great education. The Library of Congress' "Talking Books" program has brought me pleasure and acquainted with me the lives of others, past and present. Having been a Navy wife for 36 years and a Navy widow for 28 years has allowed me to grow in many ways. My home and family started it, and Wesleyan contributed hugely. My children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are jewels - beautiful. My faith has helped me to understand God's plan for my life here, and what is in store for me after this. My Blessings are abundant."

"I enjoyed the 175th Anniversary Luncheon in Raleigh, NC, in November," says **Toni Smith Suiter '47**. **Ruth Knox '75** is lovely and her pictures don't do her justice.

"Our Jones Class at Vineville United Methodist Church in Macon has many Wesleyan alumnae," writes **Corky Dessau Holliday '48**. "**Georgann Dessau Blum '47** (my sister and our second Sunday teacher), **Annie Anderson Jones '48**, **Rosa Schofield Spivey '47**, and **Ann Poitevint Withers '45** all attend. I look forward to being with them each Sunday."

**Liz Hean Stone '48** from New Cumberland, PA, enjoys keeping up with Wesleyan friends. "I met my college little sister's granddaughter in Guatemala in October. She and her two children joined us for lunch in Antigua. Her name is **Tamalyn Jackson Guterrez '98** and she's in children's missionary work. We traveled to Dubai in January! I talk to **Fran Callaway McCommon '47** often and see **Lois Goldman Cowen '45** when we go to NYC. I also stay in touch with **Ros Gilmore Burt '48**, and I email **Virginia Worrall Sirmon '48**, **Betty Whitehead Sweeny '47** and **Anice Wilcox McArthur '48** weekly and occasionally others. Our daughter, **Elizabeth "Lisa" Barron Stone '82**, has been asked to run for Judge here in Cumberland County, PA. She was an assistant public defender before joining the family law firm. Charles and I enjoyed being on campus during Alumnae Weekend for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events."

"I learned the importance of (college) education from my mother and Wesleyan," claims **Betty Buntyn Googe '49**. "My Wesleyan degree enabled me to teach 2nd grade for two years while my husband completed his BS and MS in electrical engineering at Georgia Tech. I later raised three sons while Joe completed his PhD at Tech. We have lived in Knoxville, TN, for 45 years, where my husband has been professor and head of the electrical engineering department at the University of Tennessee. Our sons





## Class of 1956 (55th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Joan Shapiro Foster, Joan Wadsworth West, Carolyn Sims Brooks, Charlotte Poole Harrell **Row 2:** Pat Drew, Toot Wade Mixon, Lloyd Young Flanders, Mary Jo Mixon Sibbald **Row 3:** Jo Copeland Chapple, Lou Ann Taylor Nash, Mary Tappan Mabry, Arline Atkins Finch, Trudy Wilson Topolosky, Paula Hunt Geiger

also learned the importance of education. The oldest is an ophthalmologist, a retina surgeon. Our second son went to Tech on a Navy scholarship and spent 20 years as a test pilot instructor before retiring and now flies for UPS. The youngest is a dermatopathologist and has his own laboratory serving the Southeastern US. Our 10 grandchildren are in college/graduate school. I volunteered (44 years) at the University Hospital in Knoxville while a stay-at-home mother. Joe and I saw our great grandson, Tyler (2), last September in Louisville, KY.

"My daughter, Lin, and I went on a two week African safari trip in November 2010," reports **June Veendall Miller '49** from Ft. Myers, FL. "It was a wonderful trip and so great to share it with my daughter. We stayed at four different locations and flew from one to the next in a little 4-seater plane. Each time they had to clear the runway of grazing impala while we boarded the plane. We saw hippos, rhinos, giraffes, zebras, monkeys, lions and leopards; I could go on and on. One night we were caught in the middle of a hunt; water buffalo pursued by lions rushed by on each side of our open vehicle. The next morning we watched a lion family feasting on their kill of the night before."

"I am blessed with 11 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren - with another great grandson due to arrive this year," brags **Libba Cook Smith '49**.

"Wesleyannes here in Statesboro, GA, include **Helen Proctor Watson '46**, **Betty Tillman Hodges '48** and **Virginia Rushing Trapnell '46**, and **Laura Brady Godbee '46** who lives in nearby Brooklet, GA."

We send sympathy to **Anne Strozier Threadgill '49** of Greenville, GA, on the death of her mother, Miriam Strozier, who died on January 13, 2011, on her 106th birthday. Sadly, Anne says that her mother had not known her family for three or four years. (See *Sympathy*.)

## 1950s

"As a speech major studying with our beloved acting coach, we were assigned to read plays and other reading material about the theater. I'm still reading and have just finished a book about the actor, Melvin Douglas, born in Macon, GA, when his father, Hesselberg, was head of the Conservatory," reports **Dot Evans Bell '50** of Deltona, FL. "Hesselberg was Russian, born as Kurljandsky Graoidanin Edouard Emal Hesselberg and Melvin Douglas was born April 5, 1901."

"My ongoing contribution is in memory of my father who told me all about Wesleyan and matched my 'earnings' gathering eggs at the age of 10 - my first contribution," says **Charlotte Gaines '50** of Decatur, GA. "What a wonderful gift he gave me - my beloved Alma Mater."

## 1951 (60th Reunion)

The Glorious Golden Hearts of 1951 returned to Wesleyan in April to celebrate 60 years of sisterhood. Reunion Co-Chairs **Jean Elsom Hogan** and **Binky Russell Leggett** planned a special welcome for classmates who gathered at Binky's for a Friday night class party and an evening filled with many "golden" memories. During Saturday's annual meeting another special GH moment took place when the Class of 1951 was honored for raising the 2nd largest reunion class gift (\$24,136).

"Sorry to miss the reunion but I'm looking forward to reading about it," writes **Jane "Smitty" Schmidt Catlin '51** from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. "I'm a docent at the FL Museum of Art so have used all I learned at Wesleyan."

**Patty Banks Duff '51** of Elizabeth City, NC, misses and remembers her dear friend, **Billie Jones Rowe '51**. "I visited with her family. Billie sang in the choir and was an outstanding character in plays." (See *In Memoriam*.)

"I'm celebrating my 82nd birthday and still working part-time for the newspaper started by my parents, Frances Peabody McKay and Clifford Anderson McKay," says **Anne McKay Garris '51**. "I also still hold 'Grannie Camp' here on Clearwater Beach, FL, for my grandchildren, including four great grands. What fun!"

We send sympathy to **Mary Bird Horner Harvey '51** of State College, PA, on the death of her husband, Henry, on February 14, 2009. "We were married in December 1950 and again in 1977."

**LaVonne Collins Jolley '51** is editor of the Chattanooga, TN, area Historical Journal, published twice a year.

From Redlands, CA, nationally recognized ceramic artist **Leon F. Moburg '51** sent reunion and "happy pride" greetings to his classmates. Although he was unable to attend the 60<sup>th</sup>, he sent a ceramics film (on DVD) for classmates to view at the alumnae art exhibit. Leon studied at Monmouth College, Wesleyan School of Fine Arts, and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he received his M.F.A. He earned his doctorate at Ohio State. He has taught at Southern Illinois University, Washburn University of Topeka, Kansas, where he established the ceramics department, and for many years at Redlands College, where he currently holds emeritus status. His work is marked by outstanding diversity in glaze and form, where pots are primarily functional in content. In 1976, Wesleyan honored Leon with an award for Distinguished Achievement.

Pianist and Organist **Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** of Macon enjoyed being part of the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend. She opened the concert playing an organ "Sonata in c minor, opus 56" by Guilman. In March, Susan's daughter, Pianist Dr. Margery McDuffie Whatley, gave a special concert and Master Class at Wesleyan to benefit Wesleyan's Music Department.

"My daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, has been a journalism professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (VALR) for 28 years. She has





## Class of 1961 (50th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Lynda Hudson Underwood, Sandra Combs Lewis, Bonnie Butler Ridley, Peggy Pearson Jerles, Lynn Cochran Thompson, Judy Warnock Burns, Jeanette Loflin Shackelford, Peggy McKinney Youngblood, Bebe Blalock Littles, Betsy Lester Cobb, Ann Frost Copeland, Virginia Poole Lee, Jukie Hardeman Caldwell, Betty Griffin Curry, Jean Cain Gaddis **Row 2:** Norma Mullings Hunt, Ermine M. Owenby, Linda Vogel Pflieger, Cora Ann Ware Wells, Linda Belford Turek, Suzanne Jones Kahn, Jackie Smith Lineberger **Row 3:** Nancy Huff Hatch, Linda Chambers Mahan, Jane Stallings Knight, Sally Husted Shuford, Janice McCord Doe, Jean Edwards Dukes **Row 4:** Flo Bloodworth Mellard, Martha Kinsey Skirven, Mary Grace Averett Kay, Katie Lee Tankersley, Teena Cole Fulmer, Nancy Bowden Wiley, Harriett Evans Myers, Sheila Leto Scott, Liz Heim Cullen, Jane Lewis Merrill, Beth Mason Duncan **Row 5:** Janice Boland Smith, Joanne Jordan, Muriel Decker Mortensen, Betty Claire Manning Clark, Andrea Morris Gruhl, Sue Houston Tittle, Carolyn Sanders Ward, Gayle Langston Ricklefs, JoAnne Miller Gaede, Margie Nunn **Not pictured:** Mary Jo Porch Floyd, Martha Evans Green, Kay Watkins Hanson, Pat Summey Joyner

competed for and won a 3-week exchange study tour at Austria's University of Graz," writes **Joan "Jen" Jennings Norton '53** from Green Cove Springs, FL. "She goes this spring and hopes to visit Vienna and Rome. We're excited!"

"Happily, I report that I am now married (widowed December '08) to a marvelous friend, Bill Jackson, who is a retired physician," says **Helen Blackmarr Outler '53** of Murrayville, GA. "We've known each other as Master Gardeners for years - this makes me the second Mrs. Bill Jackson (**Anne McMaster Jackson '53**) in the Class of 1953! I'm keeping my legal name of Helen Outler. I'm also missing my dear Glee Club roommate "Melisande" who sang at my wedding. I'm sure she's watching over us as always, with a hearty laugh." (See *Marriages*.)

**Ann Harrell Saunders '53** of Augusta, GA, is a first time great grandmother! "God blessed our family with the arrival of Ella McKenzie on August 23, 2010. We were previously blessed by having two of my grandsons return safely from two tours each in Iraq."

"Our Smith family of five children has grown to 14 grandchildren plus six more who have asked us to be Nana and DanDan," writes **Joanie Pritchard Smith '53** from her home in Savannah, GA. "We have seven great grands (including a couple that came with the package). We are very blessed and know that each child and each day is a gift from God."

**Kathy Parsons Willis '53** still lives in Duluth, GA - one block from where she was born! "I work full-time in the family business, Parsons, in Cumming and Alpharetta, GA. I have six grandchildren - all in this area."

**Ruth Forehand Miller '54** of Dawson, GA, and **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** in Savanna, GA, talk at least once a month. "Wish we could visit, though!"

**Ann Parsons Odum '54** is eagerly awaiting the publication of a book featuring all of her Duluth, GA, paintings (about 90). The book will include some history and a little about what attracted her to the art scene.

"I hear from classmates **Ruth Forehand Miller, Carole Coleman Bruley, Sylvia Crum Evans** and

**Ruth White Fruit,** reports **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** from Savannah, GA. "Thank goodness for Wesleyan friends! Joe continues to be under the care of Hospice."

"My husband, Lucio Chiaraviglio, a native of Rome, Italy, and I have been married since 1999," reports **Louise Stearns White '54** of Decatur, GA. "We are both retired; I from the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library and he from teaching computer science at Georgia Tech. My daughter, Vallie, is a lawyer in Canada and my son, Edwin, is in business in Atlanta. It is wonderful that my son and his wife, Nicole, and my two grandchildren live in Atlanta."

Congratulations to **Neva Langley Fickling '55** of Macon who was awarded an honorary humanities doctorate by Mercer University at the May 2011 commencement. After commencement a concert in her honor was held in the Neva Langley Fickling Music Hall in Mercer's McCorkle Music building.

**Joann Garrett Rusch '55** is still enjoying life by Morro Bay in Los Osos, CA. "I write poetry and appreciate the teachers at Wesleyan who encouraged this."

## ▲ 1956 (55th Reunion)

It was a weekend to remember for the Great Green Knights of '56 who rallied around Reunion Co-Chairs **Ruth Wong Arnow** and **Joan Shapiro Foster** for two days of fun-filled festivities. GK spirits soared at the home of **Toot Wade Mixon** who hosted the class party and GK gabfest, where sharing memories melted the years away and celebrating life-long friendships took center stage.

Surprised and honored is how **Lucy Neeley Adams '56** feels about the story of her writing experiences in the latest *Wesleyan Magazine*. She continues to write hymn stories for newspapers and [www.Crosswalk.com](http://www.Crosswalk.com) (worship section) from her home in Lake Junaluska, NC.

**Lloyd Young Flanders '56** of Darien, GA, enjoyed attending her 55<sup>th</sup> reunion in April! She writes, "I had hoped to bring my neighbor, **Alice Ray Stebbins '36**, to her 75th reunion but Alice's plans changed at the last minute."

"This spring semester I'm at Trinity School for Ministry (Anglican) using the library and auditing courses while





## Class of 1966 (45th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Nancy Roland Rehberg, Peggy Hall Carter, Bonnie Smith Slovis, Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer, Kathy Howard Douglas, **Row 2:** Catharine Burns Liles, Barbara Brubaker Hightower, Barbara Sneden Exum, Cile Adams Mathews, Abbie Howard Dillard, Dona Vaughn, Pam Easman Holmes

finishing up a book I've been working on. Its tentative title is *Modern Myths: Critiquing the Bible and Its Critics*," reports **Joan Wadsworth West '56**. "I still live in Tallahassee, FL, and am still married to Rick, whom I was dating while I was at Wesleyan. Our ten grandchildren are mostly in college now. Life is still in the fast lane, and God is still good, all the time. Blessings to all."

**Dr. Georgia Walton Bradford '57** of Richardson, TX, has her doctorate in education (Ed.D).

"I have enjoyed being the e-Rep for the Class of 1957. Our 55th reunion is coming soon; I hope all addresses are up to date. Keep in touch gals," urges **Julie Adams Hawk '57** from Flowery Branch, GA. "No one wants to miss all the details, I'm sure."

"I have always celebrated my formative years at Wesleyan in the 1950s," states **Dr. Nancy Ann Howard '57** of Louisville, KY. "It is with great pride that I speak to others of its long history, great traditions, and superior academic tradition. My professional career has led me through Emory University, Radford University, Peabody College, and finally Bellarmine University from which I retired as an administrator and professor. Wesleyan more than prepared me in so many ways for these professional opportunities. They also permit me to make judgments about Wesleyan's excellence."

"My youngest grandson, Richard Chandlee (only son of my daughter, Cynthia), entered USAF Basic Training

on December 7, 2010, at Lackland AFB, TX," reports **Medra Lott Keyser '58** from Fernandina Beach, FL. "Richard follows in the footsteps of my late husband and his maternal grandfather, AF Col. Richard Wallace (1934-1983), a 1953 graduate of Lackland AFB. I am very proud!"

"Short sales, foreclosures, everyone looking for a bargain - and life goes on!" exclaims **Bee Seckinger Epley '58** from Winter Park, FL.

Congratulations to **Eleanor Adams Lane '58**, who received the Macon Arts Alliance's 2010 Cultural Award in October.

In January, **Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58** was in San Antonio, TX, where she had a delightful visit with classmate **Berta Dodd-Marbut '58**.

**Dr. Anne McGee Morganstern '58** of Columbus, OH, looks forward to the publication of her second book. Short title: *High Gothic Sculpture at Chartres Cathedral* went to press at Penn State University Press in December.

"Keeping busy - glad for good health, family, and friends," writes **Carol King Pope '59** of Macon.

## 1960s

"For the past several years I have been a helper in the project to renovate the foyer of the recently dedicated chapel at Georgia Baptist Camp Pinnacle in Clayton, GA," writes **Sara Stephens Carpenter '60** of Simpsonville, SC. "It had been a dream of the many donors to dedicate this to my aunt, Sarah Stephens Smith, who was the camp director for years. You Wesleyannes

may have been campers there while in school."

The **Rev. Maryann Bass Chapman '60** has five grandchildren now! "Emily has three (all over 14) and Jim has two (both under 4)! I am retired as Assoc. of Northside UMC; husband Jim still operates his architecture firm, Chapman Coyle Chapman, in Atlanta."

"Biggest and best class ever!" boasts **Gwyn Clay Brown Chesnut '60** of Carrollton, GA.

"Canada, oh Canada-- what a swell trip!" reminisces **Ginger Sumerford York '60**. "Good girls from Wesleyan, excellent Canadian Pacific hotels, elegant meals, fantastic swimming pools, beautiful scenery, sunshine almost every day, and we saw the peak of the tallest mountain in Canada from the train - it is only visible for fourteen days out of the year. We saw a wolf, elk, deer, two eagles soaring and moose! Lucky us! **Gloria Boyette '60** and I are already planning another trip!" Also, Ginger continues to moderate forums. This year she facilitated a workshop on multiculturalism at a college in Portland, OR.

## ▲ 1961 (50th Reunion)

Pirates came from near and far to celebrate a 50th homecoming like no other. Many thanks to Reunion Chair **Jean Cain Gaddis** and Committee Members **Ann Frost Copeland, Martha Kinsey Skirven, Ermine Owenby, Jo Anne Miller Gaede, and Flo Bloodworth Mellard** for welcoming classmates and friends (67) back to

campus for a "golden" celebratory weekend that blended Wesleyan moments from the past and present into a special Pirate treasure trove of 50<sup>th</sup> reunion memories. Class parties hosted by **Sandra Combs Lewis** and **Flo Mellard** set the stage for sharing the many gifts and blessings of sisterhood. Clad in Pirate boater hats and adorned in Golden Belle grandeur, members of the Class of '61 were the "It Girls," especially as they led the Alumnae Parade of Classes into the Annual Meeting where they were recognized as the class who not only made the largest gift to all funds to the College (\$71,143.50), including a special class scholarship, but also ranked #1 in class participation (46%). Our thanks also to talented musicians **Judy Warnock Burns, Mary Grace Averett Kay** and **Jeanette Loflin Shackelford** who performed at the 175th Celebration Concert and to Concert Chair **Jeanette Shackelford** who coordinated plans for a glorious musical gala. Class members appreciated *Morning Watch* plans made by **Martha Skirven** and **Judy Burns** who prepared a meaningful liturgy filled with worship and praise offered by classmates that brought the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion to a close.

"Thank you, Wesleyan! Can it really be 50 years since we graduated from our four years together at the College? The calendar says '2011' so it must be true. Was it Christmas with so many gifts of love coming from all directions; or was it a big birthday party where everyone gave you a hug and made you feel like a million dollars? We were easy to recognize; the years had



## Class of 1971 (40th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Donna Cook, Holly Pearson Payne, Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt, Andrea Chapline Butt, Peggy Parrish Hasty, Helen Ferguson Zachry, Jan Shelnutt Whalen, Debby Smith Kelly **Row 2:** Pam Finlayson, Kim Fritch Vantreese, Derrill Dunn McRae, Pam Henry Pate, Gena Roberts Franklin, Debbie Hall Loftiss, Susan Pyeatt Kimmey, Tina Anderson Davis, Ellen Cobleigh Tomter **Row 3:** Anne Teal Ruddell, Harriett Mayo, Margie Bowen Graham, Becky Curtis Basset, Cathy Coxe Snow



been good to us, and our 'Pirate Spirit' was evident in all. We cherished our time together and give thanks for our 'Golden Belles' reunion," writes **Judy Warnock Burns '61** from her home in Austin, TX. Alumnae enjoyed hearing Judy and **Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61** perform a two piano piece "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Bach/arr.Hess) at the Celebration Concert.

Soprano **Mary Grace Averett Kay '61** of Sandersville, GA, had a fun time performing at the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert. She sang a Julie Andrews Medley accompanied by pianist **Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61** from Saluda, NC.

"As a part of my job at COPE Center, Inc. in Panama City, FL, I am coordinating our new Relatives as Parents Program," reports **Dr. Sheila Leto Scott '61**. "We support grandparents and other relatives of related children or 'Kinship Caregivers.'"

**Linda Vogel Pfleger '61** and I won the member/guest golf tournament at my club in Bradenton, FL this past spring!" boasts **Sally Husted Shuford '61**. "Linda also won a golf game package at another club that day. We used her winnings for a round of golf and to celebrate her birthday a few weeks ago. Great fun!"

"We are so blessed to have lived long enough to come back to our 50th reunion at Wesleyan!" says **Nancy Bowden Wiley '61** of Dunwoody, GA. "It is truly the *Oldest and Best*." Nancy is a retired elementary school teacher who received her M.Ed. from Mercer.

She has a *WESLEYAN FIRST* as the first Wesleyan student to attend a Kappa Delta Epsilon convention (1960 in Philadelphia) with Dr. Beldsoe.

We send sympathy to **Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62** of Cobbtown, GA, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Rhoden, in December at the age of 93. "Mother loved and so fondly remembered my classmates at Wesleyan. **Marybell Proctor Menzel, Rhoda Morrison Joyner** and **Charlotte Jolly Hale** attended her celebration service. In March, I had the joy of teaching a Women's Retreat with my daughter, Shandra, in the beautiful mountains of PA." (See *Sympathy*.)

**Virginia Barber Perkins '63** of Tallahassee, FL, is a new grandmother. Julia Hallsten Perkins was born on Sunday, April 10, 2011, to parents Christa and John Perkins. She joins big brother John Earle Perkins V. Julia is the *first* girl born into the family in more than 75 years! Perhaps a future Wesleyanne...!

"I have my design business at the store where I've been for the past ten years," writes **Sue Ann Savage Truitt '63**. "I also do part of the buying at the Paris, Milan, and Frankfurt shows each year. I have two grandchildren (6 & 8) in Lexington, KY, and spend every possible moment with them."

"Wesleyan is still my favorite school. I am happy, alive and well," reports **Andrea Moody '64** from Miami, FL. "Looking forward to our 50th reunion!"

**Emma Jo Jones Ploeger '64** of Columbus, GA, continues to travel - Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Israel and Jordan and England. Her 2011 trips planned include Turkey, the Orient, and America's National Parks.

**Margaret Mannheim Sease '64** of Saluda, NC, claims bragging rights on the birth of her new grandchild, Cameron Rhys Thompson, on November 26, 2010, in Raleigh, NC. He is the son of Ellen (Sease) and Brian Thompson. "Big sister, Katie, was 2 in February 2011," writes Margaret.

"I retired at last after thirty years of being a psychotherapist," emails **Linda M. Willson '64**. "I have just moved to Jacksonville, FL, to live with my daughter, **Sharon Bressoud Mladucky '92**, who is also a Wesleyan Green Knight. We are grooming her 5-year-old daughter, Marley, to be a third generation Green Knight. Rah!"

"At age 67 life is good," reports **Betsy Harman Godbold '65** from Tierra Verde, FL. "Husband Bo is semi retired, both children happily married (I think) and five healthy grandchildren. What more can you ask?"

## ▲ 1966 (45th Reunion)

**Cile Adams Matthews** coordinated plans for a great PK 45th! La Quinta Inn was the place to be for class party fun that included memory rewinds of student days to fast forwards of all the latest news. The Annual Meeting was the place to be when PKs cheered for two of their own - Alumnae Award recipient **Dr. Bonnie Smith Slovis** and

poet **Kay Stripling Byer**, who wrote a special poem honoring the College's 175th Anniversary. The "PKs # 1" anthem set the stage for the countdown to the Class of 1966's BIG 50 in 2016!

Although she was unable to join classmates at reunion this year, **Kay Stripling Byer '66** of Cullowhee, NC, was there "in spirit." The former Poet Laureate of North Carolina wrote a special anniversary poem "Lineage" to commemorate Wesleyan's 175th Anniversary that was read at the WCAA's annual meeting.

"I teach piano in Raleigh, NC, at my music studio, Pianorama, LLC, which I co-own and co-manage," says **Joy L. Martin '66**. "We have a staff of six teachers offering piano, voice, and guitar lessons. We specialize in the Mayron Cole Group piano classes. My business website is: [www.pianoramanc.com](http://www.pianoramanc.com). I hope you will look us up on the web. I enjoyed attending the 45th class reunion in April!"

**Becky Gleaton Mynatt '66** just retired after teaching for 39 years in Atlanta. She enjoys having more time to spend with her seven grandchildren.

**Betty Westmoreland Shuster '66** lives in Gainesville, GA, and sends regrets that she was unable to attend reunion in April. "My husband and I were in San Francisco, CA, for our nephew's wedding. Wish I could've been there!"

Members of the Class of '66 are proud of **Dr. Bonnie Smith Slovis '66** of Nashville, TN, who received a 2011 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession during Alumnae Weekend.





## Class of 1976 (35th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Linda Wing Duckworth, Lynn Silverman Russell, Julie Castle **Row 2:** Janice Cromer Holbrook, Susan Agress Miller, Lisa Oldham Sassaman, Beth Mumford Langille, Karen Miller Smith, Camille Herndon Ward, Mary Jones Jobson **Row 3:** Carolyn Field Hall, Debbie Jones Smith, Regina Bland, Luann Weeks Holden, Dottie Claytor Jackson **Row 4:** Teresa Wheeler, Catherine Bass McCarthy, Beth Caile Mattox, Karen Hughes DeLoach, Claire Ulmer Standish, Cynthia McMullen, Robyn Sullins Bish **Row 5:** Patti Henry, Liz O'Donnell Menkhaus, Ginna Pritchard Ashby, Jane Gardner Preston, Lynn Bissell Reed **Not pictured:** Candace Beard Rogers, Susan Joyce Scenna, Delia Tennill Spinks

In May 2011, New York City resident **Dona D. Vaughn '66** received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Southern Maine. She also has a *WESLEYAN FIRST*, as the first alumna and first woman to speak at a Brevard College Commencement.

**Dr. Jane Robertson Westerfield '66** of Dunedin, FL, is editor/co-author of *This One's for the Birds! A Gulf Coast Anthology of Poetry, Prose & Art*, featuring writers and artists from nine countries, including 22 U.S. states. Jane is a recognized expert on grief, having published four books on grieving and having been a featured radio guest and author at [www.opentohope.com](http://www.opentohope.com) and guest author at [www.livingwithloss.com](http://www.livingwithloss.com). Oldest daughter Jenna is a massage therapist. Son Mark began serving in Iraq in June as a captain in the Kentucky National Guard, and Laura, Jane's "baby daughter," is an M.D. in family practice. Jane keeps in touch with roommates **Joy Lewis Martin** and **Dona Vaughn** and would love to hear from other PKs. Email Jane at [wingsofhopec@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wingsofhopec@tampabay.rr.com).

"We welcomed another grandson, Adam, on July 23, 2010," boasts **Sally Farren Benoy '67** of Marietta, GA. "He and his 3-year-old brother, Ryan, keep me on the go, as well as travel and genealogy."

"All is well - six wonderful grandchildren (three girls/three boys). How blessed we are," writes **Susan Kirvin Ogburn '67** from her home in Macon.

"I spent much of 2010 exploring Turkey, the Northern Islands of Scotland and new places in Italy," writes **Helen Harwell Smith '67** of Washington, D.C. Now in "serious" retirement, Helen is focusing more on photography, both artistically and as a record of ancient places. "As a new member of the Society of Women Geographers, I hope to add to the permanent record of some of the ancient places we visit."

**Glenda Grist Beardsworth '68** enjoys teaching a preschool class of rising 3-year-olds in Lilburn, GA. "Great schedule (T-W-Th - 4 hour day)!"

**Beth Rogero Bowen '68** lives in St. Augustine, FL, and is the author of *Bridge to a Dream*, published by the St. Augustine Historical Society in 2010. The book is the story of building the Bridge of Lions and Davis Shores in 1925-27.

**Geranne Hutchinson Mills '68** loves retirement and being a full time rancher in Burden, KS. She retired after 27 years working civil service and training in early childhood education.

After 14 years **Ginna Larson Schneider '68** of Arlington, VA, has left Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. "Habitat has enriched my life in countless ways and I will miss it but look forward to new challenges and adventures in the coming months. My email address is [ginnaschneider@gmail.com](mailto:ginnaschneider@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing more of each of you in the coming year."

We send sympathy to **Susan Jones Shulman '68** of Jacksonville, FL, on

the death of her mother in December. "My dear, sweet, precious died December 6th. She was 93, and still sharp as a tack. She died peacefully in her sleep. Mother was still living in the house we grew up in. She was an amazing woman and the person I most admired." (See *Sympathy*.)

"I've been in corporate aviation for 24 years," says **Ann Brown Austin '69**. "I'm on retainer with H-P Aviation, working out of McKinney, TX, and San Jose, CA."

**Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69** and husband Phil returned home to Dalton, GA, in March from a "trip of a lifetime" to Israel and Jordan. The two week sojourn with their church group and minister enabled them to explore parts of the Holy Land and included a trip to Petra.

"I recently retired from teaching (30 years) in the Clarke County School District in Athens, GA," writes **Wanda Bell Culpepper '69**. "I'm enjoying my grandchildren, volunteering in my community and church, and spending time at our beach house on Jekyll Island, GA."

"A special thanks to Senior Advancement Officer Susan Allen for bringing me a Wesleyan bear before my recent two surgeries and three hospitalizations," writes **Nancy Greer '69** from Alexandria, VA. "I named her 'Ruthie Bear' because she's golden. 'Ruthie' never left my side through all the dark hours in the hospital. Before changing my dressings or beginning a procedure, my nurse always gave me my 'Ruthie Bear!'"

**Pat Ondo Snyder '69** writes from Columbus, OH, "My essay, 'Hand-Me-Down Funeral' appeared in the newest Chicken Soup book: *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Grieving and Recovery*, released Feb. 1, 2011."

## 1970s

Congratulations to **Mary Ella Gibson Bernard '70** of Forth Worth, TX, who is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild, Joseph Dent, born Dec. 9th, 2010. "He has completely stolen our hearts with his smiles and sweet nature. His parents are Jonathan and Helen (our daughter) Dent of Ft. Worth, TX."

"I am eternally grateful to my Wesleyan classmates and friends for their prayers and comments on CarePages.com," writes **Dr. Helen Cappleman '70**. "The support I have received is keeping me healthy and active."

We send sympathy to **Jan Bull Simpson '70** of Columbia, SC, on the death of her father, George C. Bull, Jr., in January. "I have had an up-close-and-personal view of what it takes to care for 'aging parents,' as many of us have had. I am fortunate to have had him as long as I did. My adorable granddaughter, Carson Anne Lambert, turned 4 in February and is thrilled to be a big sister to Campbell Grace who was born March 30, 2011. (The tired parents are my daughter, Anne, and husband Chris Lambert.) I am blessed!" (See *Sympathy*.)



## Class of 1981 (30th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Cindy Cobb, Nancy Sinnott Parker, Mary Helen Langel Stults, Stephanie McRae Wilkinson **Row 2:** Trisha Chapman DuBose, Colleen Brown Gupton **Row 3:** Caroline Thomas Balint, Lynne White, Molly Burleson, Shirley Weihman, Jan Hicks Tweed, **Row 4:** Jo Cheezem Abney, Kay Morgan Evans, Robin Jaquith Ward



## 1971 (40th Reunion)

Reunion Co-Chairs **Debby Smith Kelly**, **Helen Ferguson Zachry** and Committee Members **Martha Yates Thomas**, **Jan Shelnutt Whalen**, and **Gena Roberts Franklin** helped to put finishing touches on a weekend made for sharing 40 years of GH memories as well as the latest class news. Honored at the annual meeting as the class that had the 3rd largest class gift (\$22,902) and earned 2nd place in class gift participation (40%), members of the Class of 1971 stood tall in their reunion class photo. Family and *Veterropt* photos made the rounds at the class party held at Gena's home during the weekend where Golden Hearts proved once again that they are "winners from the start."

**Shari Richardson Arrington '71** moved to Havana, FL, to restore the Arrington family home. Shari is a retired kindergarten teacher from Maclay School in Tallahassee, FL. Husband Claude is an administrative law judge. "We have three beautiful grandchildren."

**Becky Curtis Basset '71** has retired from the Georgia Department of Economic Development. She resides in Columbus, GA.

World traveler **Phoebe Hawes Conway '71** calls Seneca, SC, home when she's not traveling with Wesleyan best friend **Lee Rucker Hendry '71** of Elberton, GA, who is a retired school psychologist. "Lee and I continue to travel, trying to see everything there is to see. We just returned from

New Zealand where we missed the Christchurch earthquake by 24 hours! SE Asia continues to be our favorite destination."

The Class of 1971 is proud of **Gena Roberts Franklin '71** of Macon, who completed a three year term as Chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees.

**Debby Smith Kelly '71** of Monticello, GA, has a new grandson born February 20, 2011. Parents are Sara and Allen Pace. Big sister Lawson Elizabeth is 2.

From Cedar Bluff, AL, **Gloria Turner Lockridge '71** reports, "I'm still teaching piano and voice two afternoons a week. Other days I am very busy as chairwoman of the Cherokee County Council for the Arts. I also read, garden, and play bridge."

**Harriett Mayo '71** is enjoying a second career as the owner of Sydney's Dollhouse, a children's boutique named for her niece. A shop in Montezuma, a booth at the mall in Americus, and a website also keep her busy! "I love being back in my home church, Montezuma UMC, where I serve as older adult coordinator," says Harriett. She retired as a librarian in the University System in GA.

**Derrill Dunn McRae '71** enjoys life in Nashville, TN, where she continues her interest in antiques and maintains an antique booth.

"I've enjoyed starting the North Carolina Triangle Wesleyan Alumnae Club with **Linda Brown Walker '73** from our little sister class and **Karen Garr '69** from our big sister class, both of whom live in Raleigh," writes

**Pamela Henry Pate '71** from Chapel Hill, NC.

**Debbie Vick Pierce '71** was sorry to miss her "40th." "I was attending a wedding for the son of **Carol Crow Lineberger '70**. My only news is - I am finally a 'Grams! Hunter Perkins Pierce was born January 6, 2010. He is fun!"

**Anne Teal Ruddell '71** moved to Weeki Wachee, FL, in July 2010. Her hobby is training dogs. She is currently working with two male German Shepherds. Anne works part-time at Universal Studios as a psychic/intuitive counselor. She also serves as a mentor to three young women.

**Cathy Coxey Snow '71** of Macon has finished two terms as president of The History Club of Macon, one of the City's oldest women's clubs, founded in 1888. She is also a new board member of Career Women's Network, where she chairs the leadership committee. An alumna initiate of ADPi sorority, Cathy serves as a liaison between the sorority and Wesleyan College.

We send our sympathy to **Martha Yates Thomas '71** of Macon on the death of her mother, Fain Thomas Yates Winkler, in February. "It happened quickly and was a real blessing but it has been so difficult. You never get too old to need your mom - that's for sure." (See *Sympathy*.)

**Beth Loflin Vech '71** recently reconnected with **Barbara Brinson '71** and **Harriett Mayo '71**. Beth lives in Cedra Bluffs, NE, and doesn't run into too many classmates! "I'd love to hear from any of you if you have the time or inclination to email."

**Jan Shelnutt Whalen '71** lives in Griffin, GA, and is a founder of Griffin Choral Arts, a community chorus now in its 4th season. She is also head adjudicator of GMEA and directs honor choruses. Jan serves on the boards of three arts organizations and is active in her church, Griffin FUMC.

**Helen Ferguson Zachry '71** and Griggs will celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary in September 2011. "We still live in our hometown of West Point, GA, where I work full time at First United Methodist as music minister and director of Christian education and special projects. Griggs is semi-retired from our construction company, and has taken up bass fishing again. Son Scott and his wife live in Newnan, GA, where both teach school. Son David and his wife live in West Point, GA, and together operate Zachry Construction. We have five grandchildren - 4 boys and 1 girl, Sarah Helen, named for her grandmothers and called by both names. Our newest grandson was born March 25, 2011. The four years I spent at Wesleyan were four of the best years of my life. I will always cherish the memories."

First time grandmother **MC Collins O'Kelley '72** is still "glowing" over the birth of Mary Corinne Fore last August (mother is **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02** and great grandmother is **Frances Oehmig Collins '47**). "Mary Corinne will be a great Green Knight of 2032! I, of course, am totally impartial, but she is just about the cutest little girl I've ever seen!"





## Class of 1986 (25th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Vonda Brokopp Klein McCutchen, Tammy Mullis Hawkins, Margaret Brinson Kolke, Dawn Miller Sturbaum **Row 2:** Dana Grinstead Tanner, Lynn Stark Biester, Dana Flanders Laster, Kenlyn Sawyer, Judy Forward Lear, Celia Hughes Hohnadel, Elizabeth Hasty Sutton

"After 32 years with Orange County Public Schools of Orlando, FL, I retired January 31, 2011. I've been so busy that I don't know how I ever had time to work!" exclaims **Martha Conner Ricard '72**. "We are expecting our 7th grandbaby in June and plan to spend that month in Baltimore helping out our daughter and playing with the older brother, Bennett. LIFE IS GOOD!"

**Dr. Susan Moses Shropshire '72**, of Forth Worth, TX, writes, "My husband, Dr. Cameron Shropshire, retired three years ago. I still practice medicine. Our oldest son, Macarthur, graduated U.T. McCoombs Business School last May and has a job with Halliburton in Houston. Our youngest son, Grady, is a junior at Texas Christian University. TCU's football team won the Rose Bowl in 2010. Go Frogs!"

"I'm still teaching 8th grade English at Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta," reports **Eileen Vickery Thurmond '72**. "I appreciate Mr. Beckelheimer's discussions of short stories and composition and Dr. Strong's extensive knowledge of Mark Twain and American literature!"

From Fort Lauderdale, FL, **Mary Graham Ponder Foster '73** reports that son Graham is at Wake Forest University.

Kudos and many thanks to Alumnae Weekend Chair **Carol Bacon Kelso '73** of Thomasville, GA, for treating alumnae to such a great Alumnae Weekend 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - especially at the Annual Meeting (now known as the Annual Party) where good fun, hearty laughter, and many smiling faces only added

to the soaring spirit of sisterhood that prevailed among attending alumnae.

**Susan Paul Tyler '73** is enrolled in a doctoral program in educational studies at the University of Cincinnati, where she also works full time as the university's director of continuing medical education.

2011 was a "Golden Heart" year for **GH Millie Parrish Hudson '75** of Decatur, GA. She's proud of her **GH** daughter, **Sarah Hudson '11**, who graduated from Wesleyan in May. Sarah's **GH** godmother, **Ruth Knox '75**, and her **GH** aunt, **Peggy Parrish Hasty '71**, are pretty proud of Sarah, too! Sarah accepted a job in NYC where she will work in marketing for Text 100 Public Relations Consultancy. (She started work two days after graduation!) **GH** Wesleyan seniors enjoyed this year's Marker Ceremony where Millie was the featured 2011 Marker speaker - how *Golden Heart* appropriate! Now Millie looks forward to daughter Margaret Ann joining the **GH** Class of 2015 next fall.

## ▲ 1976 (35th Reunion)

The Class of 1976 celebrated its 35th with the biggest reunion numbers to date - 30 Green Knights attended, coming from as far away as Ohio, Missouri and ... Hawaii! Reunion Chairs **GINNA PRITCHARD ASHBY** and **CYNTHIA MCMULLEN** thank one and all for making the weekend so special. Many thanks to **Debbie Jones Smith** for her bravery in hosting the Friday night class party, to **Janice Cromer Holbrook** and **Carolyn Field Hall**

for planning it and **Linda Wing Duckworth** for going above and beyond in the kitchen. Thanks also to **Regina Bland** for serving as the class e-Rep contact.

Last October, **GINNA PRITCHARD ASHBY '76** celebrated her 10th anniversary as preschool ministries director for Fruit Cove Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. Husband Rick is director of sales for Covidien Imaging. Son Alan and his wife live in Orlando, where he is a recruiter. Son David attends University of Central Florida, and daughter Marjorie is an interior designer in Jacksonville. Ginna received her master's degree in reading from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. She also has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**: She's the *first* woman ministerial staff member at Fruit Cove Baptist!

**Regina Bland '76** of Lakeworth, FL, earned her M.D. at University of Florida College of Medicine; her three-year pediatrics residency was at Wake Forest University's Baptist Medical Center. In March 2009, after spending several years researching her Italian great-grandfather's roots, she reunited with his family - specifically, his namesake nephew, Albino Capriotti -- 100 years to the month that her grandfather had left Italy.

**Karen Hughes DeLoach '76** and her husband, three sons and one daughter live in Summerville, S.C. Karen has an M.A. in ceramics from University of South Carolina in Columbia and a filmmaking certificate from Trident Technical College. She has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**, as the first

B.F.A. art major to graduate from Wesleyan in three years! She teaches art and filmmaking, is a studio artist, and has been a home-school teacher for 18 years. Karen also has been an artist-in-residence in North Charleston. Her films have been featured in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival's Artist on Fire multimedia exhibits "Passing Notion" and "Infusion."

Although many GK '76ers traveled quite a few miles to reunion this year, **Linda Wing Duckworth '76** of Honolulu, Hawaii, wins the award for traveling the farthest distance! Linda is director of international student services for University of Hawaii at Manoa. She earned her M.M. at Florida State University and Ph.D. in education policy studies in higher education at Georgia State University. This year, she is the recipient of an Institute for International Education Korea Fulbright for International Education Administrators ... which we're guessing is a **WESLEYAN FIRST**! Linda also won a Fulbright to Japan in 2002. She credits her husband for encouraging her to broaden her horizons through travel. He served in Fiji with the Peace Corps and worked in oil exploration in the South China Seas.

For the last three years **Patti Eakes-Harris '76** has been the director of music ministries at Bethany UMC. She also is a private voice teacher in Smyrna, GA. "I'm mostly a part-time stay-at-home mom to Geneva (age 7 and blind with congenital glaucoma) and Lily (age 10 & healthy). Husband Steve and I adopted them from China



## Class of 1991 (20th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Michelle Toole Westbrook, Heather Harden Jones, Kari Goellner Kitchens, Hope Hahn Shields, Cindy Hershey **Row 2:** Robyn Miller Schopp, Kristin Van Brero Yashko, Katie Compain, Kathy Wagner Marcum, Melissa Malone Constable **Row 3:** Shannon Hurley Ellard, Chris Ruotolo Wynn, Stephanie Carroll-Young, Stacey Stanton Walker



in 2006. They are 100% JOY, in spite of our becoming 1st-time parents at ages 51 & 55! We were the FIRST couple that China permitted to adopt TWO non-related special-needs children together, which opened doors for other parents to adopt two together. We thank God for our girls every day; they're so much like us it's downright eerie - and I defy anyone who says I can't love them as much as 'my own' children. They ARE my own! Hallelujah!"

In High Point, NC, **Carolyn Field Hall '76** teaches private voice lessons, sings with the Bel Canto Company of Greensboro, directs the High Point Children's and Youth Chorales, composes for choral ensembles of all types and serves on the Musical Arts Guild Board of the UNCG School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Carolyn earned a master's degree in music education from the University of South Carolina and a master's degree in choral conducting from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Looking forward to April, Carolyn was inspired to write a poem last November called "Reunion" that she shared with classmates.

"I enjoyed seeing so many friends at reunion," writes **Janice Cromer Holbrook '76**, who lives in Lexington, S.C., with husband Fred. "The concert and all the other events were great. I'm looking forward to the 40th reunion!" Janice, who received certification in music education from Valdosta State University, teaches preschool music classes at Eastminster Day School in Columbia, S.C.

**Dottie Claytor Jackson '76** lives in Aiken, S.C., with her husband, Traye. She has a son, Trent Howell, three grandchildren, a stepdaughter and a stepson. Dottie, who teaches kindergarten at Barnwell Primary School in Barnwell, S.C., has a B.S. in business administration and an M.A.T. in education from the University of South Carolina.

After teaching school for 28 years, **Mary Jones Jobson '76** retired in 2007. She and John have been married 35 years and live in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Their one daughter, Delanie (29), is married to Matt Thompson and they live in Nashville, TN. Mary has one grandson, Ben (3), and another grandson on the way!

**Beth Mumford Langille '76** works for Neligan Construction and Roofing in Jacksonville, FL. Husband Rich works for Ally Bank. Daughter Jennifer is in her third year of graduate school in Chicago, and son Jeff works for a Jacksonville radio station. Both Jennifer and Jeff graduated from the University of Florida.

Retired after teaching high school Spanish and American Sign Language for 14 years, **Beth Caile Mattox '76** also worked for 20 years as a professional interpreter for the deaf. She and husband Dan moved to Missouri in 2006 where, according to Beth, she runs the "Mattox Inn" - taking care of three horses and playing with Malachi, "the most precious 6-year-old grandson in the world!"

**Cynthia McMullen '76** of Richmond, VA., has served as director of public relations and communications for Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy since July 2009, following many years as an editor and then reporter for the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She earned her M.A. in English literature at VCU.

Congratulations to **Jane Gardner Preston '76** and Bob of Greensboro, GA., who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in February. Jane, who is stepmom to Mike (24) and Jenny (26), loves working from home as a wellness educator and Juice Plus+ distributor. She also plays golf, travels, and "helps people get healthier - especially other cancer survivors and people with autoimmune diseases." Five years ago, she and Bob moved from Marietta to their home on Lake Oconee.

**Lynn Bissell Reed '76** lives in Raleigh, NC, with her husband of 35 years, Mark -- a Mercer graduate. They have three children: Brad (27), Blake (23), and Alyson (21). Lynn, who teaches kindergarten in Raleigh, earned her M.Ed. at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

**Candace Beard Rogers '76** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, is proud of her son, Cam, who is in his second year at Mercer Law School.

**Lynn Silverman Russell '76** lives in Peachtree City, GA, where she teaches special education in middle school. Her postgraduate studies were in early childhood education. Son David (20) is a sophomore majoring in drama

at Florida State University, where he also plays baritone with the Marching Chiefs. Son Mark (26) is a 1st Lt. Air Force Strike Navigator flying the F-15E. Based in Goldsboro, N.C., Mark married on May 27.

Maconites **Debbie Jones Smith '76** and her husband, Lewis, are happy to share news of their first grandson, Aiden. "He's a great joy," Debbie writes.

**Delia Tinnell Spinks '76** reflects on Alumnae Weekend. "It was wonderful to reunite with the Green Knight group and hard to believe 35 years have flown by. My husband, Charles, and I have lived in Marietta, GA, for 30 years. Our daughter is expecting her first child in September 2011."

**Claire Ulmer Standish '76** and Rick, her husband of 35 years, live in Uniontown, PA. They have one daughter, Megan (31). Megan and husband Mike have two daughters, Esther (3) and Adeline (6 months). "I am enjoying my days being a grandma!" Claire writes. She is active in church, sings in the choir, and belongs to great book and garden clubs. Claire earned her M.A. in audiology at Michigan State University. After "retiring" from audiology in 1998, she owned a stationery and invitation shop for 10 years. She's now a distributor for Juice Plus+.

**Liz O'Donnell Stewart '76** of Liberty Township, OH, is the most recent newlywed in the Class of 1976. She married David Menkhaus in April 2011. (Liz will be changing her last name in the near future.) Liz enjoyed attending her first Wesleyan reunion





## Class of 1996 (15th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Valerie Huron Brewer, Yehudi Self-Medlin, Misty Rodriguez Gatland, Aimee Morris Lashley, Sherry Neal (with Latha) **Row 2:** Joy Mastrangelo Kaczor, Lisa Hullender Filkins, Teraye Jefferson Law, Kathy Worley Hammes, Stefanie Miller Kite Lynn **Row 3:** Kristin Conley Lamble, Beth Hodges McKeever, Jena Frazier Passut, Heather Preuss Kent, Melissa McDuffie Cobb, Elizabeth Bowling, Marnie Morris Tanner

ever - 35 years after graduating and a week after she was married! (See *Marriages*)

**Camille Herndon Ward '76** lives in Alpharetta, GA, with her husband, Brad. They have two sons, ages 25 and 21, but they also enjoy "being empty-nesters; filling our time with travel, motorcycle riding and work." Camille, a library media specialist at Freedom Middle School in Canton, GA, earned a master's degree in music education at Georgia State University and an education specialist degree from Piedmont College.

**Lucia Chapman Carr '77** is the new marketing and community relations coordinator at Blair House Senior Living (formerly The Villas at College Hill), a senior living residential facility in Macon. Lucia previously served as marketing director of Samhain Publishing Ltd in Macon, an e-book publishing company. She is a member of the City of Macon Fort Hawkins Commission and Save-A-Pet Humane Society board of directors.

Congratulations to **Kathy A. Bradley '78** of Register, GA, recipient of Mercer University Press' first Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Non-Fiction. The announcement was made at the Annual Authors' Luncheon in Atlanta in December 2010. Her manuscript, *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*, was chosen as the winner of the competition.

**Dr. Janet E. Rumler Brooks '78** lives in Simpsonville, SC, and teaches special needs students for the Greenville County School District.

"Although disheartened by disasters in Japan, I contacted (via email) **Rieko O. Takenaka '78** who contacted **Kayoko Shinzato-Kitamura '78** who then passed on my concern to Wesleyan sisters," reports **Janet Keys '78**. "I was grateful that all are alive. Blessed be the tie that binds!"

"I've just retired after 30 years as a school psychologist," reports **Sara Jane Overstreet '78**. "Now I will continue to teach human services at Mercer University in Macon. The children are grown, the elders have passed, and I have time to go back to school myself! I also spend lots of time doing genealogy."

"My daughter, Christine, is attending college at Richmond University - London, England, and will graduate May 2012," writes **Laura "Beth" Perdue '78**. Beth's son, Patrick, graduated from Reservoir High School June 2011.

"My daughter, Deborah, eloped on Friday the 13th in August, but I think it is good luck!" reports **Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78** from Woodstock, GA.

Kudos to **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79**, chair of the music department at Wesleyan, who performed on stage seven times during the 175th Celebration Concert as either accompanist, mezzo-soprano, or as director of The Wesleyannes! Alumnae enjoyed her signature rendition of "Habanera" from *Carmen*. Nadine also served as emcee of the concert.

## 1980s

"The bonds of sisterhood have meant more to me these past few months than ever before!" writes **Susan Robertson Jaeger '80** of Jacksonville, FL. "I am going through treatment for a rare form of cancer - salivary gland cancer. My Wesleyan sisters, including those I did not know that well, have been a HUGE source of support and encouragement through cards, emails, guest book entries on my Caring Bridge page and even long distance meal delivery! I realize how many people I have always taken for granted! Wesleyannes are definitely a special group."

Alumnae enjoyed hearing **Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80**, mezzo-soprano, perform at the 175th Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend. Jeanne closed the concert with a great rendition of "Somewhere" from *West Side Story*.

**Diana Jones Williams '80** recently joined the staff of State Bank & Trust Co. and was promoted to vice president. She is the branch manager at the Walnut Street branch in Macon.

"I'm a retired teacher now!" exclaims **Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81**. "I loved teaching middle grades, but it is fun to be able to be at home with my husband. I had been substituting quite a bit in several schools in Macon. I am so proud of Wesleyan!"

of '81 as Reunion Co-Chairs **Nancy Sinnott Parker** and **Shirley Weihman** welcomed Pirates back to campus for a 30 year celebration. Classmates cheered at the annual meeting for two of their own - Alumnae Award recipients **Stephanie Parker**, attorney, and **Caroline Thomas**, soprano, who sang in honor of the College's 175th Anniversary. More cheers were heard at Chili's when Pirates met for class party treats and shared "treasured" tales.

"My daughter, **Sylvia**, graduated in the Pirate Class of 2009 and is completing her master's degree in international relations at the International University of Japan in Niigata prefecture. I am a licensed professional counselor practicing in Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties," writes **Jo Cheezem Abney '81** from Sugar Hill, GA.

A middle school special ed teacher at Ft. Benning, GA, **Molly O. Burleson '81** lives in Auburn, AL, close to her parents. "My oldest son lives with me along with my 'other' children, Pooky Girl and Lula Belle (my chihuahuas). I'm very happily divorced!"

"Loved seeing everyone at reunion. Gene and I moved to Grayson, GA, (near Lawrenceville) several years ago. My twins, David and Elizabeth, turned 16 on May 2. Life is good!" reports **Cynthia Cobb '81**.

"Our oldest daughter, Katie, graduated from the University of Florida in August 2010 and works at the King & Prince Resort on St. Simons

## ▲ 1981 (30th Reunion)

"Let's give them something to cheer about" was the mantra of the Class



## Class of 2001 (10th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Melissa Spradley Sweet, Missy Bowen Brown, Joanne Sales Ingram, Shannon Kunday, Hillary Wright, Laretha Lockhart, Brandy Morris Kirkwood **Row 2:** Crystal Bridges Coker, K. Chanel Thomas-Hamilton, Tonya Parker Outley, Hannah Callendar, Hyun Mi Choi Corin, Julia Tolley Harris, Stacey Burton, Jessica Drexler, Yanira Chevere, Pilar Wilder, Abbie Smoak Lacienski, Jennifer Bagby Mulherin



Island, GA, reports **Mary Thompson Monfort '81** from Jacksonville, FL. "Our 2nd daughter, Anne Marie, is a senior at the University of Central Florida, studying English Lit. Madeleine is in 10th grade and enjoyed a recent prospective student visit to Wesleyan for STUNT Weekend (that brought back wonderful memories for me!). Victor is finishing 8th grade, and Anthony is finishing 2nd grade. I've been leading a ladies Bible study at church for 17 years. I work part-time for some friends' business (www.piusmedia.com), and I volunteer at the children's school. Tennis is on hold as I've suffered from tennis elbow this year, but hope to return to my league by fall!"

A financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Denver, CO, **Mary Helen Langel Stults '81** is also mother to two sons, John (18), a freshman at University of Portland (OR) and William (16), a junior at Denver Academy. She and Greg have been married since 1983. Mary Helen earned her MBA (1990) and MS in finance (1991) from the University of Colorado. She is a chartered financial analyst and certified financial planner. A past president of the Denver Society of Security Analyst (CFA Institute), Mary Helen served as its 4th female president in 80 years! – a **WESLEYAN FIRST**.

**Robin Jaquith Ward '81** likes being a grandma. "Tim and I live in Kennesaw, GA, where we are enjoying our 'empty nest' with both boys moving into their own lives."

Robin is vice president for strategic operations at Apria Healthcare, where she works in the specialty pharmacy arena managing inventory and medical equipment for 80+ locations throughout the US.

**Stephanie McRae Wilkinson '81** enjoyed seeing classmates at reunion and performing at the 175th Celebration Concert. She accompanied classmate **Caroline Thomas '81**, who performed works by Wagner, Strauss, and Puccini.

**Rhonda Helton Hambright '82** formed The Golden Isles Children's Chorus which performed with the American Boy Choir on March 11, 2011. She enjoyed being on campus for Alumnae Weekend and presenting Wesleyan friend **Caroline Thomas '81** with a 2011 alumnae award.

Soprano **Ellen Futral Hanson '83**, assistant professor of music at Wesleyan, enjoyed performing at the 175th Celebration Concert. She sang "Adelaide's Lament" from *Guys and Dolls* and teamed up with **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79** for an encore performance of their signature "Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti" by Rossini.

Congratulations to **Wadra Garner McCullough '83** in Griffin, GA, who was promoted to chief nursing officer at her hospital this year.

"In 2010, I became an associate member at Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops, LLC. I travel to universities all over the US, teaching grant writing and consulting on research proposals," says **Peg Shippen**

**Atkisson '84** of Millis, MA. "Science and writing - my two loves!"

In March, composer **Amanda Jacobs '84** of Rochester, NY, lectured at the 7th Annual Women in Music Festival hosted by the Eastman School of Music. The first public reading of her latest work with co-creator Lindsay Warren Baker also was part of the festival. "Lily, a Musical Portrait," is based on Edith Wharton's novel, *The House of Mirth*. The two also collaborated on "Pride and Prejudice, a Musical" that will be presented at Wesleyan in April 2013 as part of the Centennial Celebration of The Morning Music Club of Macon. Amanda is working on her doctorate in educational psychology with an emphasis in music and art through Capella University.

"Having finished my doctorate in '08, I'm blessed to have been working for the past three years as an assistant principal at Ft. Pierce Westwood High School," reports **Dr. Radie Lynn Krueger '84** of Stuart, FL. "Some of my responsibilities include supervising our Animal/Environmental Science Academies including our Agricultural Biotechnology, Horticulture, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Pre-Medicine, and Marine Oceanographic Programs. It's exciting to bring real-work world relevance to required coursework. By uniting community members, local institutions of higher learning, parents and students, small learning communities are formed where students are nurtured and given the

individualized instruction they need to be successful. Just as Wesleyan helped build my confidence so I could realize my dreams as an educational sociologist, I am thrilled to utilize this caring approach to build our communities' young people into productive, healthy, happy citizens living fulfilling lives."

## ▲ 1986 (25th Reunion)

Celebrating 25 years of sisterhood was fun and easy thanks to Reunion Co-Chairs, **Dana Flanders Laster** and **Dana Grinstead Tanner** who invited PKs back to Wesleyan for a weekend of "silver anniversary" memories. "The Danas" also hosted a class party at Residence Inn just made for up-close and personal visits. PKs enjoyed being together and renewing perfectly purple friendships.

Peachtree City, GA, resident **Lynn Stark Biester '86** shares, "I am still married to the guy the RAs pulled out of my Jones Dorm Room closet at 1 a.m. on a Wednesday morning in September 1984!"

"I was the first one to attend college in my family of five children," says **Alaine Thomas Bowman '86** from Macon. "I also had small children, held a part-time job, substitute taught, organized a Sunday school, and was 1st class teacher all at the same time. God's grace and mercy pulled me through."

"I started my own law firm in Macon with one of my former law partners in January 2010," reports





## Class of 2006 (5th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Elizabeth Catherwood Kanupp, Parrish Smotherman Jenkins; Jenna Miller Jones; Jas'min Shy Coates, Mollie Elizabeth Hughes, MariaKristina Stanley **Row 2:** Jaime McQuilkin, Rosemary Harrington, Amy Smith, Heather Scott, Allyssa Green, Shelly Walden Gable **Row 3:** Honara Turner, Lauren Hamblin Gibson, Sara Decubellis, Shannon Rupp, Suzzi Biller **Row 4:** Amy Fletcher, Brittany Joiner Lucas, Melanie Reed, Naomi Deal, and Danielle Benson

**Lisa Morgan Edwards '87.** "We practice personal injury litigation and are glad to have our first year behind us. Visit me at [www.edwardsandbullardlaw.com](http://www.edwardsandbullardlaw.com)."

**Tamara Mullis Hawkins '86** lives in Macon and works as a commercial sales specialist with Lowe's Home Improvement.

**Pam Lohr Hendrix '88** is a practicing attorney and a candidate for superior court judge of the Western Judicial Circuit (Oconee and Clarke Counties).

**Celia Hughes Hohnadel '86** of Warner Robins, GA, is the proud grandmother of beautiful Antonia Riley Lewis, born September 20, 2010.

**Dana Flanders Laster '86** and husband Scott traveled to Italy with **Dana Grinstead Tanner '86** and husband Steve in October 2010. In February 2011, "The Danas" and spouses, along with **Vonda Brokopp Klein McCutchen '86** and new husband Phil McCutchen, traveled to Cancun. Dana L. has two boys, Luke (9) and Jake (8), and is the new CFO at Peachford Hospital in Atlanta.

"My son, Kevin, is in the US Navy stationed in Beaufort, SC, where he is a pharmacy tech at the Naval Hospital. He graduated from pharmacy school in October 2010. Brad and I celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in November 2010. I am administrative assistant/payroll manager at Barton Southern Company in Conyers, GA," reports **Judy Forward Lear '86**.

**Dr. Vonda Brokopp Klein McCutchen '86** lives in Marietta GA, where she is an OB/GYN. She and Phil

McCutchen married in March 2010. In February 2011, Vonda and Phil traveled to Mexico with classmates **Dana Grinstead Tanner** and **Dana Flanders Laster**. Son Elijah is 11. (See *Marriages*.)

"I have six grandchildren now!" says proud grandmother **Dana Grinstead Tanner '86** of Roswell, GA. My husband and I have traveled with Scott and **Dana Flanders Laster '86** and Phil and **Vonda Brokopp Klein McCutchen '86**. My sister, **Darla Grinstead McKensie '78** and I miss our father, Bob Grinstead, who passed away in April 2010. (See *Sympathy*.)

"Callaway Gardens, here we come!" exclaimed **Jackie Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87** of Macon, when she learned that her art work would be part of a two-person exhibit at Callaway near the Butterfly House. She and a friend had artwork displayed from March through May 2011. Jackie says she also is enjoying her children and great grands.

Congratulations to new grandmother **Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87** whose daughter gave birth to a baby girl on August 24, 2010. Mary Frances is one of the assistant principals at Jones County High in Gray, GA.

## 1990s

### 1991 (20th Reunion)

They planned to party and party they did - thanks to the efforts of Reunion Chairs **Kari Goellner Kitchens** and **Hope Hahn Shields**. Parading into the

annual meeting carrying special yellow roses provided by **Nedra Martin Malone '65**, mother of **Melissa Malone Constable**, Golden Hearts cheered with pride as they celebrated 20 years of sisterhood. With children and family and friends in tow, members of the Class of 1991 continued to party at Mellow Mushroom on Friday and at Kari's home on Saturday for an afternoon cook-out that focused on GH friendships.

**Melissa Malone Constable '91** is proud of her mom, **Nedra Martin Malone '65**, who received an alumnae award for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan during Alumnae Weekend. Melissa lives in Pawley's Island, SC, where she has been a hearing impaired itinerant teacher for 19 years. She received her master's degree in deaf education at Georgia State University in 1995 and is nationally board certified. Melissa is currently working on a M.Ed. in teaching and learning with an emphasis in technology from Nova Southeastern University. She and husband Chris have twin boys, Connor and Colby (3), and one daughter, Cassie (5).

**Shannon Hurley Ellard '91** lives in Germantown, TN, where she is a happy homemaker and mother of three wonderful, busy children: Annalese (9), Aiden (6), and Lorelei (4). She stays active in her community and with volunteer work at church.

**Teresa Morris Futral '91** of LaGrange, GA, is glad she found her special Wesleyan sister, **Jeanette Harris Morgan '41**.

"I very much enjoyed the GH 20th reunion and so did Katie - our four-legged furry kid!" writes **Cindy Hershey '91**. Todd and I still live in Benton, KY, where I work as a catastrophe claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance.

**Heather Harden Jones '91** has a *WESLEYAN FIRST*. She accepted a new job at ASF Intermodal, a new start-up trucking company in Atlanta, where she is the only woman and works as assistant terminal manager. She and Pete have been married for nearly four years.

For **Kari Goellner Kitchens '91** the "highlight of 2011 was hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion!" Kari lives in Macon and is the grant resource administrator for Bibb County government.

**Kathy Wagner Marcum '91** lives in Royal Palm Beach, FL, where she works as an IT network administrator.

"To God be the glory!" writes **Robyn Miller Schopp '91** of Forsyth, GA, who just celebrated 13 years as the executive director of Crossroads Counseling Center, Inc., an outpatient Christian counseling center in Macon.

Macon resident **Hope Hahn Shields '91** just celebrated 10 years in the pharmaceutical industry, where she was promoted to senior representative with Merck & Co, Inc. In 1997, she earned a master's degree in health care policy and administration from Stetson School of Business at Mercer Univ. Since 2005, she has also been a licensed Georgia real estate agent. Hope and Ken's daughter, Ella Wade, turned 1 on April 1st.



## Class of 2010 (1st reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Tierra Hollaway, Lindsey Ambegia Lucas, Sarah Ownbey, Sarah "Jim" Kaplan, Lauren Elser, Brittney Snell **Row 2:** Kaleigh Bennett, Sarah Bales, Selina Snider, Kelly Scott, Melissa Haley



As a 4th grade teacher in Gwinnett County Public Schools, **Stacey Stanton Walker '91** of Lilburn, GA, enjoys the classroom. She earned a M.Ed. (in brain based learning) from Nova Southeastern University in 2010 and also earned a gifted endorsement in May 2011. Stacey looks forward to summer in the mountains with her family - son Drew (13) and daughter Anthea (11). "At our next reunion, Drew will be headed to college! Yikes!"

**Michelle Toole Westbrook '91** and Scott will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in September 2011. They live in Butler, GA, with their three children - Tucker, Lily Claire, and Carson. Michelle earned a master's degree in communication disorders from Auburn University and works as a speech-language pathologist in Taylor County Schools.

**Chris Ruotolo Wynn '91** works in Macon as a manager at GEICO but calls Gray, GA, home where she and her family live. Daughter Abby is 11.

**Kristin Van Brero Yahsko '91** enjoys life in Clifton, VA, with husband Greg and their three children, Aldrin (7), Walker (5), and Kees (2).

**Stephanie Carroll Young '91** has lived in Ohio since graduation. She married Curt Young in 1998 and they live in Lancaster, where she is a homemaker who enjoys cooking, quilting, and gardening.

**Anne Cordeiro '92** has moved back to Coastal Georgia (Midway, GA) and has taken a position as a development manager with the Memorial Health Foundation.

**MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92** received her MBA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a focus in marketing. She is the regional director of AT&T in Chattanooga, TN, covering twenty-three counties in Tennessee with external affairs and legislative duties. She attends Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church and is married to Richard Matthew Lewis. They have two children, Benjamin Cooper Lewis and Charles Becking "Beck" Lewis. MaryStewart's other family members who have attended Wesleyan College include **Karin Smith Glendenning '67**, **MaryStewart Becking Smith McClain '42** and **Augusta Finney Becking**.

"I didn't realize how much I missed my sisters until I got to see everyone at the 2010 class reunion," writes **"Erin-E" Guice Hatchett '95**. "I laughed the entire weekend and for at least a week afterward. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. You women are amazing!"

**Kelley R. Southerland '92** is happily practicing law in Denver, CO, and serving the best interest of Denver's children in need.

**Nikki Collins MacMillan '94** is a Presbyterian pastor who opened a new ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Warner Robins, GA, in September 2010 - a coffee house (Bare Bulb Café) that is home to a new congregation specifically targeting young adults. It is located near Houston County High School. Nikki looks forward to holding more recruiting events for Wesleyan at the coffee house! Learn more about the

project at [www.barebulbcoffee.org](http://www.barebulbcoffee.org). She and her husband, Doug, have two sons, Will (11) and Sam (8).

**Kea Hoover Mitchell '95** and family have moved from Macon to Hoschton, GA, where husband Tee is the admissions director for Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, GA. Their children, little Tee (9), Lillian (7), and Anna Claire (4) enjoying living in their new family oriented neighborhood. Big Tee loves the golfing there, too!

## ▲ 1996 (15th Reunion)

From a Friday night class party at Mikada Japanese Steakhouse to a Sunday Brunch at Cracker Barrel and from all the smiling faces and heartfelt hugs in between, the GK Class of '96 spent a weekend trading "great green memories" with each other. Kids and career news shared the spotlight with other "girl talk" as GKs continued to bask in the glory received at the annual meeting when they earned 3rd place in class gift participation (38%). Kudos to **Yehudi Self-Medlin** who served as class reunion chair.

"I am taking a year off from working on my dissertation to teach at Academy of Hope, a high school completion program for adults in Washington, DC," emails **Tamara Adkins '96**. "I am living in an intentional Christian community with Church of the Savior's Discipleship Year program."

After working from home after the birth of her first child, **Valerie Huron Brewer '96** of Hixson, TN,

resigned from her job this past fall to be a full time mom to son Owen (4) and daughter Courtney (6). The former epidemiologist has an MS in comparative and experimental medicine with a concentration in epidemiology from University of Tennessee. Valerie has a *WESLEYAN FIRST*, as the first person to receive a concentration in epidemiology in her graduate degree program. She and Wayne celebrated their 14th anniversary in March 2011.

**Misty Rodriguez Gatland '96** enjoys being a full time mom. She and Mark have one son, Carter. They live in Grantville, GA, where she volunteers with Parent to Parent and Boys Scouts.

**Heather Goodwin Grahek '96** is enjoying married life to Garrett Grahek. The couple now resides in Tampa, FL, where Heather is the dean of student affairs for South University.

"I teach math and science in a school for learning disabled students," writes **Ann Gibb Jones '96** from Germantown, TN. "It is a lot of work, but extremely rewarding."

"We moved from Hawaii to Lorton, VA, in July," reports **USAF Maj. Joy Mastrangelo Kaczor '96**. "I am completing a second master's degree in strategic intelligence at the National Intelligence College in Washington, DC. After school, I will serve in Air Staff Cyber Operations at the Pentagon. Husband Bill and I have two children, Dominic (6) and Mikayla (18 mo). We celebrated our 17th anniversary on April 23 after reunion."





# Alumnae Association Awards

## 2011 Scholarship for Leadership

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association awards a scholarship to a rising junior who is selected for her outstanding leadership qualities and the good academic standing she has shown during her first two years at the College. This year the recipient is Marisa Arnold, Class of 2013. Marisa is an educational studies major with concentration in music. She was recently elected to serve as Pirate class president for the third consecutive year. A Wesleyan Disciple, she finds time to participate in STUNT, sing with the Wesleyannes, and volunteer at the Lane Center. Marisa has embraced Wesleyan's special sisterhood and believes she is "here for a reason."

**Liza Lagade '96** from Lake Mary, FL, is working on her M.S. degree in nursing.

**Kristin Conley Lamble '96** and her husband are excited to be relocating to the metro Atlanta area to be closer to their families and to Wesleyan! She just completed 14 years with Delta and enjoyed living south of Cincinnati, OH, but looks forward to the change. "Our thanks to **Aimee Morris Lashley '96** for housing 'the girls' reunion weekend in Macon," writes Kristin.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** on the birth of twins in September. Henry Lynn and Macy Elaine joined big brothers Carter (7) and Aaron (3). "Both babies were over 7 pounds! Macy will be a Pirate one day—just like her Momma!" (See *Births*.)

**Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97** has been married for almost seven years to her fabulous husband, Tony. She works as office manager and assistant to the president and vice president of marketing at RPM Management Owner in Nashville, TN. "I lost my mother in September 2003. My dad, step-mom, and grandmother all still live in Quincy, FL. My brother is married and living in Gainesville, FL. My aunt, **Jean Spooner Frey '77**, also attended Wesleyan."

"I'm having a great year!" writes **Erin Dallas '98**. "After years of indoctrination, my niece **Mykel Glass '14** decided not only to become a Wesleyanne but is a Purple Knight. I've also received a promotion. I'm moving to the Washington, DC, area where I will work as an academic account manager with Thomson Reuters."

My husband, Philip, and I live in Ringgold, GA," says **Heather Beene Booker '99**. "We have three beautiful children: Emma (7 ½), who will be in the Pirate Class of 2025, Keffor (almost 4), and Cullum (18 months).

"Joe and I are still living in Coweta County where I enjoy teaching 5th graders," writes **Carrie Walker Dumm '99** of Senoia, GA. "Our twins will join me at school next year as pre-K students. I'm sure it will only be a blink of the eye and my daughter, Allyson, will be applying to Wesleyan!"

In May, **Shannon McGinley Dunavan '99** presented the *Wesleyan First Award* to a high-school sophomore at Augusta Preparatory Day School. She was delighted to learn that President **Ruth Knox** would be the 2011 commencement speaker there at the end of the month.

Congratulations to **Melissa Roberts Mancini '99** and her husband, Dr. Gregory Mancini, on the birth of their third son, Francis Paul Mancini. His older brothers, John and George, are wonderfully excited! (See *Births*.)

## 2000s

**Esther Celestin '00** is heading to Hangzhou, China, to teach English.

**Marge Guiberteau '00** has returned from the Far East and had a short gig in Philadelphia, PA, where she reconnected with her old friend **Sarah Chandler '02**. She has landed in Orlando, FL, where she is the prop/carpentry supervisor for the Blue Man Group.

## ▲ 2001 (10th Reunion)

**Brandy Morris Kirkwood** and **Stacey Burton** invited Pirates back to Wesleyan after 10 years out on the high seas of life. Pirate pride was showing all weekend long, especially at the annual meeting when **Hyun Mi Choi Corin** received the Young Alumna Award and at the *Happy Birthday Picnic* where classmates sported matching red T-shirts with the slogan "After 10 Years It's Good to be Home!" Making the most of the weekend, classmates met at Pirate Party Central locations - Cheddar's on Friday, La Quinta Inn on Saturday, and at J. Christopher's for brunch on Sunday. All agreed that the real Pirate treasure can be found in the bonds of friendship that have remained so strong throughout the years.

"I have just returned to the Macon area and am working for Hephzibah Children's Home," writes **Adrienne Cooper-Jones '01**.

**Missy Bowen Brown '01** lives in Winterville, GA, and works as the CDM coordinator for St. Mary's Health Care in Athens, GA.

In Eatonton, GA, **Stacey Burton '01** works as a licensed clinical social worker. She earned a master's degree in social work from University of Georgia in 2006.

**Hannah Callender '01** is an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Portland (OR). She earned a M.S. in mathematics (2003) and a Ph.D. in mathematics (2007) from Vanderbilt University. Hannah has also done post doctoral

work at The Institute for Math and its Applications.

**Crystal Bridges Coker '01** lives in Warner Robins, GA, where she works with business/accounting and digital sales development in radio.

"My husband and I accepted new jobs and relocated to Huntsville, AL, in August 2010," reports **Jywanya Smith Dillinger '01**. "In November 2010, we welcomed our baby boy, Jace Nolan, to the family!" (See *Births*.)

**Joanne Sales Ingram '01** enjoys being a 4th grade teacher in the Cherokee County Schools in Acworth, GA. She earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Piedmont College in 2005.

**Brandy Morris Kirkwood '01** received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia. She still lives in Athens where she is a staff pharmacist at Athens Regional Medical Center.

After earning her D.D.S. degree in 2005 from the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry, **Laretha Lockhart's '01** dream of opening her own dental practice has come true. Sweetgums Dental, LLC, in Columbus, GA, opened in January 2010.

**Jennifer Bagby Mulherin '01** lives in Huntersville, NC, where she teaches special education K-5. She earned her M.A. in teaching from the University of South Carolina.

**Tonya Parker Outley '01** of Macon earned a master's degree in theology from Beacon University's Christian Life School of Theology.



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Congratulations to **Melissa Ann Spradley Sweet '01** on the birth of her son William Kay Sweet on May 11, 2008.

**Dr. Katharyn E. Hart '03** of Davis, CA, has earned her doctor of veterinary medicine.

**Katie Crozier '04** of Gainesville, FL, was recently promoted to events operations manager for the NAVC Conference (Clinical Conference for Veterinary Professionals). She also recently married. Life is great!" (See *Marriages*.)

"I celebrated my two year civil wedding anniversary on April 11, 2011!" exclaims **Mayowa Akintobi Fabode '04**. She and husband Lekan Fabode live in Dallas, TX.

Congratulations to **Emily Dukes LeVan '04** and her husband, Scot, who were married in October on the Chattahoochee River in Roswell, GA. **Kris Mayrhofer '02**, **Erin James '02**, and **Chris Miner Noble '02** conducted the ceremony; a true treat!" (See *Marriages*.)

Nashville, TN, resident **Sabrina Laney Warren '04** was delighted to perform in the 175th Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend. The soprano sang "Ah! Je veux vivre" from *Romeo and Juliet*, and "Ain't it a Pretty Night" from *Susannah*.

**Alex Aldica Willis '04** of Costa Mesa, CA, writes that she and her husband, Jake, are expecting a baby in spring 2011.

"PIRATES!!" cheers **Sarah Dushame '05** all the way from Denver, CO.

Congratulations to **Heather Poindexter Kennedy '05** and her husband, Mark, who were married in December in Augusta, GA. They live in St. Simons Island, GA. (See *Marriages*.)

**Lynne Davis Liska '05** moved to Wheat Ridge, CO, in 2009.

## ▲ 2006 (5th Reunion)

Class of 2006 Co-Chairs **Lauren Hamblin Gibson, Parrish Smotherman Jenkins, and Rosemary Harrington** helped classmates show why PKs are still #1 by planning for a creative and festive 5th! Classmates put to rest the question of "Can-It-Really-Be-Our-5th-Reunion?" with an answer of "Perfection Never Fades" emblazoned across special T-shirts sported by classmates during the weekend. PKs reveled at the Pavilion Party at Lullwater at Bass Apartments on Friday and at Shogun on Saturday for more "spirited" fun.

"I spent four years teaching middle school Spanish after graduation, and I am back working at Wesleyan! After getting married in May 2010, I returned to Wesleyan to work in the Admission Office recruiting students. The new Golden Heart Class of 2015 is adorable! When my husband, Andrew, finishes law school at Mercer, we'll see what happens next. Culinary school is still on the horizon somewhere, but for now, what better way to spend my time than traveling throughout the southeast speaking to smart women about Wesleyan!" says **Parrish Smotherman Jenkins '06** of Macon. (See *Marriages*.)

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**Cathie Loughran '06** has moved to St. Augustine, FL, where she is the director of information technology at University of St. Augustine.

"I just want you to know that my family and I are safe," writes **Marie Wada '06** of Kawagoe Saitama, Japan. "I was at work when the earthquake hit us and it was the most terrifying experience I've ever had in my life. The quake was so big that we couldn't stand still and I really thought that the building was going to collapse. You have probably heard about the Tokyo-Electric power company on the news. The number of trains is reduced to save power; it takes about two hours for me just to get home from work. The train is so overcrowded that the commute is becoming stressful. We are constantly experiencing small earthquakes. There are no batteries, rice, bread, or water in the supermarket and to save power the government has decided to practice "scheduled power suspension on electricity." There are some inconveniences but we shouldn't complain knowing how bad the situation is in the Tohoku-area, where it is snowing and people have no power, food, or places to live...I really hope that they'll recover soon and we'll do whatever we can to help them."

**Cassandra D. Dorsey '07** received her master's degree in science education from Western Governors University in 2010 and is pursuing a second master's degree from the University of Florida in forensic

science with a concentration in forensic DNA & serology.

"I earned my M.Ed. in organizational leadership from Vanderbilt University in May 2010," writes **GinaMarie Cody '08**. "I am currently enjoying beginning my career with Turner Broadcasting in Corporate Human Resources (Talent Management) as an organizational effectiveness and executive development coordinator. I'm anxiously anticipating the five-year reunion for the Green Knights of 2008 and, in the meantime, hope to get involved with Wesleyan's Atlanta Alumnae Association."

Soprano **Noelle Goodman Goel '08** is working on her master's degree in voice performance at the University of South Carolina. She enjoyed performing at the 175th Celebration Concert during Alumnae Weekend.

Congratulations to **Jessica Groves-Chapman '08** who writes, "This year I married my best friend, Marvin E. Chapman, III, at the Armory Ballroom. I completed my M.S. in kinesiology from UGA in July 2010. I am now pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience at UGA." (See *Marriages*.)

**Jessica Kendrick '08** is an internal audit graduate assistant at North Carolina Central University in Durham, where she is working on her J.D./M.B.A. degree. She is excited about connecting with Wesleyan in the North Carolina Triangle Club.



Frances Candler Shumway, Assistant Professor of History

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# *Impressions* *from around the world*

A vast collection of nearly forty stunning paintings captures just a small sampling of Dennie McCrary's travels around the world and his passion for artistic expression. The exhibit also is the first to fill the newly dedicated Frances P. and Dennie L. McCrary Gallery in the Murphey Art Building. Few living artists have the opportunity to display their oeuvre in a gallery named for their contributions. Dennie's exhibition experience is just beginning and in April, for the first time, he officially defended his position in the art world through a gallery talk to a crowd of students, faculty, staff, and community art patrons during the opening night reception of his exhibit.

But, of course, Dennie's position on the Wesleyan campus is long established and he has always been revered for his humble presence, wise counsel, and dedicated support. Dennie is known for a number of exceptional achievements. An undergraduate degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School prepared him well for a successful career with the Sea Island Company, where he served as president and chief operating officer until his retirement in 2003. Under his leadership, Sea Island experienced unprecedented growth that led to the honor of hosting the 2004 G8 Summit.

In addition to his demanding career, Dennie found time to serve the state through active board leadership with the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce, SunTrust Bank, and the Brunswick County Development Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and Planning Commission, among other demanding roles. Dennie's love of Wesleyan was predestined when he fell in love with his beautiful wife

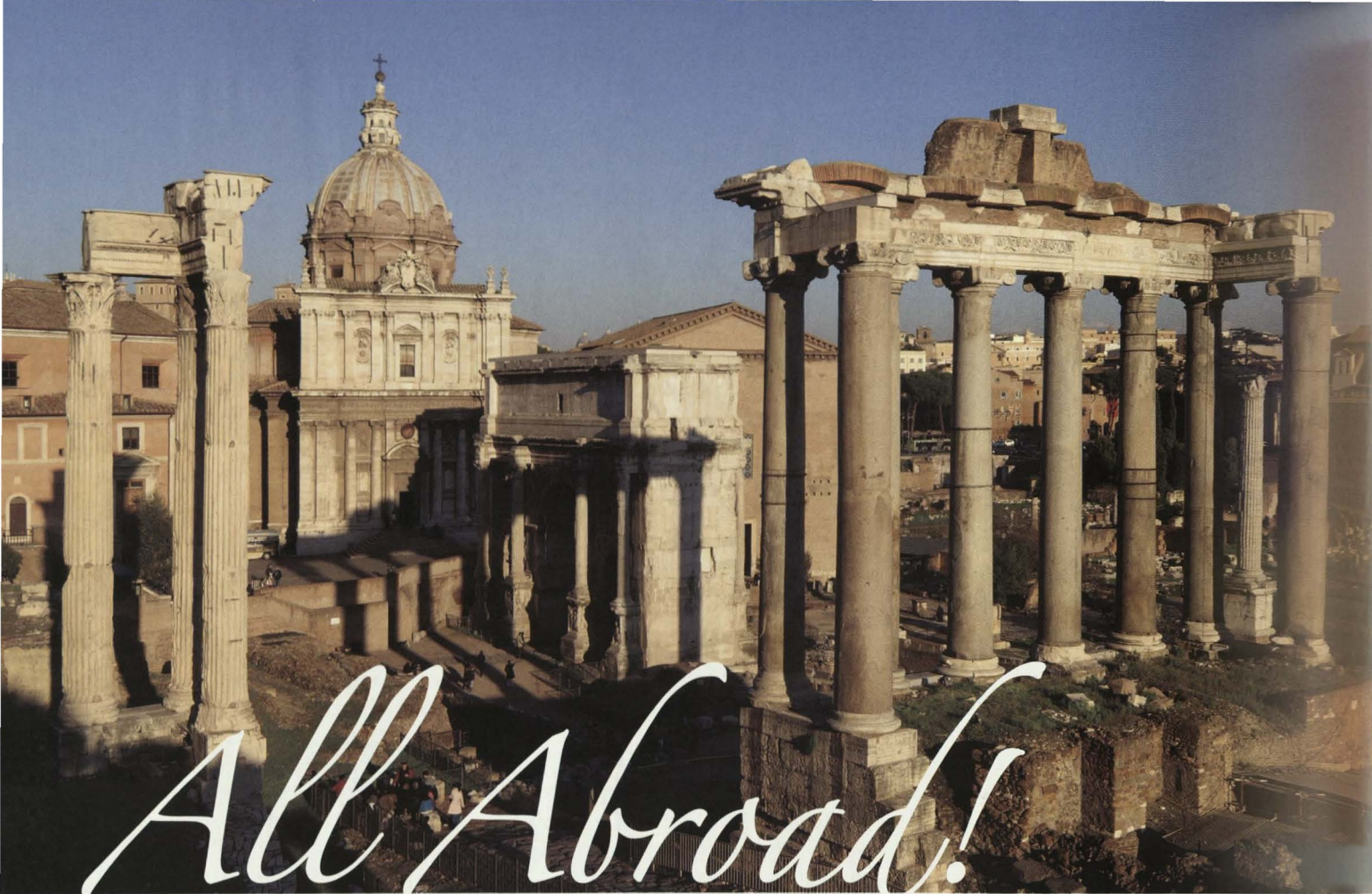
Frances Parker McCrary, a Wesleyan woman from the Class of 1962 – and the great, great granddaughter of Catherine Brewer Benson, Wesleyan's very first graduate from the Class of 1840. Together, Dennie and Frances, have been faithful supporters of all things Wesleyan – including the Findlay Scholars Program, the Frederica von Stade Concert, the Adopt-a-Painting Program, institutional marketing campaigns, and most especially – the Annual Fund and the Leap of Faith Endowment Campaign.

Dennie joined Wesleyan's Board of Trustees in 1999 and immediately offered extraordinary leadership. He has been an invaluable member of the Development Committee, investing personally in the College through generous leadership level support and inspiring countless others to do the same.

Dennie and Frances' support of the Adopt-a-Painting program is just one example of their lasting influence. They set a high standard when they adopted Wesleyan's magnificent oil painting, *The Pink Lady*, ensuring its preservation for future generations. In fact, the McCrarys were among the very first donors to participate in Adopt-a-Painting. Since then, nearly sixty-five paintings have been adopted and restored through the successful program.







With four educational travel opportunities available during 2011-2012, Wesleyan makes it easy to tour some of the world's most interesting cities. Pack your bags, bring the family, and invite your friends. These educational journeys are open to alumnae and friends of the College as well as to faculty and students. For more information, please contact Rejeana Cassady at 478-757-5228 or [rcassady@wesleyancollege.edu](mailto:rcassady@wesleyancollege.edu). Reservations are on a first come, first served basis, and remember, a current passport is required!

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September 21-30, 2011  
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**Explore Iceland**

March 3-9, 2012  
with Thomas C. Ellington,  
associate professor of  
political science

**The French Caribbean**

June 25-July 25, 2012  
with Saralyn DeSmet,  
associate professor of French

**Sacred Spaces and Places in Italy: Art, Architecture, & Religion  
May 5-14, 2012**

Join Dean Vivia Fowler, professor of religious studies, and Dr. Libby Bailey, professor of art history, in May 2012 for a 10 day in-depth study of sacred spaces and places in Italy to include an academic perspective on the art and architecture of Rome, Florence, Pisa, Milan, and Siena.

Exploration begins in the "Eternal City" of Rome with visits to the Musei Capitolini on Capitoline Hill, overlooking the Roman Forum and its extensive archaeological excavations; the church of San Clemente; and the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian. You'll also visit the Vatican museums, known all over the world for their masterpieces that have been commissioned, collected and preserved by the Roman Pontiffs; the epic Sistine Chapel, over which Michelangelo labored for four years; and the Basilica of St.

Peter, the largest church in the world. While in Rome, you'll also visit Santa Costanza, a 4th-century church with beautiful late-Roman/early Christian mosaics in the ceiling; catacombs that date back to the 2nd to 4th centuries; the National Etruscan Museum, and more.

In Florence, you'll study both art and architecture beginning with the Academy of Fine Arts, the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, the Convent of San Marco, the Palazzo Medici, and the Uffizi Gallery. Day trips to Pisa and Siena include visits to the famous Leaning Tower and one of Italy's finest cathedrals. In Milan, you'll explore churches and museums and see the original da Vinci's *The Last Supper*.



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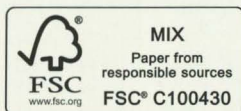
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